

# SYRIAC SOURCES

for the History and  
Civilization of the  
Arabs and Arabia

## SSHCAA





**SSHCAA** is a scholarly project launched by the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archive (Darah) with the aim of collecting and translating Syriac sources into Arabic. This project will provide a qualitative contribution to the sources of the history and civilization of Arabia and the Arabs by creating a database that is not limited to texts translated into Arabic only, but also goes beyond that to study and provide these texts in the original Syriac language and with modern European translations.

The SSHCAA project consists of several stages that will begin by collecting the sources of Syriac literature, followed by the extraction of texts that are directly related to the history of the Arabian Peninsula, the Arabs, and Islamic history from the 3rd to the 13th centuries CE. This will be followed by the creation of a database to include original texts with their Arabic and Western translations, an introduction to each source the author, a full commentary on the main text, in addition to indexes and appendices. For further information about the SSHCAA project.

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This project is a complementary phase of series of projects launched by Darah to serve the history of the Arabs and Arabia, starting with Classical, Byzantine and now Syriac sources, with the aim of making them available for publication.

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Syriac sources include valuable details about eastern and southwestern Arabia during the pre-Islamic and early Islamic periods, including information about the Prophet Muḥammad, Mecca, Medina and Najran.

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The project is a very good follow-up for the highly successful project on Classical sources. It will enhance the work of historians who cannot use sources written in Syriac and will bring them to a wider audience.

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