

Reliance of the Traveller: AN INDEX FOR NON-MUSLIMS

Reliance of the Traveller (Umdat al-Salik)^{1,2} contains long sections on subjects such as inheritance law and prayers. Aside from this relatively innocuous subject-matter, *Reliance* is peppered throughout with laws that non-Muslims will find bizarre or downright offensive and/or which conflict with American Judeo-Christian values or laws. This INDEX is a compilation of references to these objectionable laws. The list is a long one, yet is by no means exhaustive. It includes, at the end, a ***list of laws applicable to non-Muslims*** (contemplate the sheer chutzpah of that!).

This INDEX lists each applicable section of the manual, indicated by a lowercase letter of the alphabet, followed by digits, and the corresponding page numbers. Section "o" contains those laws that most contradict Western norms of justice.

Note: The term "enormity," meaning "a grave crime or sin," appears in the list. Also note that several of the laws forbid lying or dishonesty. It is, however, permissible for Muslims to ignore these when the **Islamic Doctrines of Deception** ("*taqiyya*," etc.), are in play.

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² *Reliance of the Traveller is the Classic Manual of Islamic Sacred Law*. It was compiled by the renowned Muslim jurist Ahmad ibn Naqib al-Misri in the 14th century. It is the most authoritative source on the subject of Sharia (Islamic law), having been certified by al-Azhar University in Cairo — the font of Sunni learning — as conforming "to the practice and faith of the orthodox Sunni community."

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