

A Note on Transliteration, Translation and Dates

When possible, Persian words that appear in this work were transliterated into their most common English forms. For words that are not commonly used in English, I most often employed a simplified version of the guidelines used by *Iranian Studies*, but did not use diacritical marks. Often, work quoted in this dissertation used a different system of transliteration, and direct quotes are represented as they originally appeared. As such, some Arabic and Persian words with the same meaning may have different spellings. For example, I consistently transliterated *Moslem* from the Persian form, but quoted work that often transliterates *Muslim* from the Arabic form. Likewise, *Qoran* may appear as *Koran*, and formal names such as *Motahhari* or *Mohammad* might appear in the Arabic form as *Mutaharri* or *Muhammad*. Persian words are italicized throughout. The dates use a Western calendar system, although there are references to certain important Moslem months (e.g. *Moharam*) throughout the work.