

The SOCIAL STRUCTURE OF INDIAN MUSLIMS



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The present book is a completion of selected articles presented at the National Seminar sponsored by the Institute of Objective Studies on the Social Organisation of Indian Muslims. Its chief distinction lies in the attempt of study the social structure of the Indian Muslims in an Islamic perspective. Scholars specialising in Sociology and Social Anthropology have made a searching investigation into the realities of the situation and demolished the presumptions held out in the academic quarters that Muslim society is stratified into 'Caste' like divisions.

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