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INTRODUCTION

The purpose in writing this book is twofold. In the first Part, an examination of Imāmī *kalām* has been undertaken in order to show that, from its beginnings, it had its own specific character, and that it preserved this character throughout its contacts with other schools of *kalām*. In the second Part, short biographies of Imāmī *mutakallims* are given, so that from studying the titles of *kalām* works attributed to them it can be seen what this specific character was, and how it was preserved up to the time of the Shaykh aṭ-Ṭūsī. Many of the subjects raised in Part One of this book are also mentioned in the introduction to the English translation of *Taṣḥīḥu 'l-I'tiqād* which is published separately.

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