



Gandhi`s Responses to Islam

By Sheila McDonough

D.K. Printworld (P) Ltd, 1994. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. First edition. 15 x 23 cm. Look at him as we may: whether as an exceptional human being, a modern-age prophet, a unique politician, or a charismatic leader of non-violent movement, Gandhi's many-sidedness is proverbial. And, then, he was a religious genius as well ? with genuine tolerance and respect for all mankind's faiths. Here is the first ever study exploring exclusively Gandhi's attitude to Islam, from his childhood to the last years of his phenomenally eventful life. In thematically focussing on his responsiveness to Islam, Dr. Sheila McDonough addresses a vital question: "Why did Gandhi say the things, he did, about Islam?" Which leads her to meticulously trace, among other determinants, the intellectual influences that had helped shape Gandhi's vision of Islam ? the vision he particularly shared with many of his Indian contemporaries. The author, a widely known authority on Islamic Studies, puts together many of Gandhi's observations about Prophet Mohammed, the holy Qur'an, and the Islamic faith to emphasize that his positive, respectful response to Islam was not a matter of political pragmatism, nor a facade to unify Indians at a critical period of their history, but it...



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