Is There an Image Problem in Islam? Materials for the History of an Idea

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Key Names and Terms:
Qur'an (or Koran)
hadith - Traditions of the Prophet Muhammad (d. 632 CE)
fiqh - Islamic jurisprudence
Aniconism
Iconoclasm
Umayyads, the first Islamic dynasty (r. 661-750 CE)
Ottomans (ca. 1299-1922)
Khedive (vicerey), the title of the rulers of Ottoman Egypt

Selected Works Shown:
Depiction of the Prophet Muhammad, from Jean de Vignay's Speculum historiale, Paris, 14th cent. Bibliothèque nationale de France, Manuscrit Français 52.

Anonymous, Iconoclasts attacking an image of the Adoration of the Magi, Flanders, late 16th or early 17th century century, oil on wood panel (104 x 140 cms). Douai, Musée de la Chartreuse.

Glass wall mosaics, Friday Mosque of Damascus (715 CE)

Modern Lithograph with the image of a relic, the sandal of the Prophet Muhammad

Henri Alfred Jacquemart, monumental bronzes lions set on the Qasr al-Nil bridge, Cairo, 1872.

Further Reading:


