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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 (viceroy), 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, 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.

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