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The following is a list of the dates of the major philosophers and other authors in the Arabic tradition who are mentioned in this volume, in approximate chronological order according to the date of their death. The main sources used in compiling this set of dates are *The Encyclopaedia of Islam* [16], Nasr and Leaman [34], and C. Brockelmann, *Geschichte der arabischen Literatur*, 5 vols. (Leiden: 1937–49). (Note that the dating of the *Epistles* of Ikhwān al-Ṣafā' is disputed. For a discussion see *Encyclopaedia of Islam* [16], vol. II, 1072–3). Dates are given in A.H. (the Muslim calendar) followed by C.E. Jewish authors' dates are given in C.E. only. Dates elsewhere in this volume are generally given in C.E. only. For conversion tables between the two calendars, see G. S. P. Freeman-Grenville, *The Muslim and Christian Calendars*, 2nd edn. (London: 1977). Figures from the twentieth century are not included here; for these thinkers see chapter 19. The editors thank David Reisman for corrections and suggestions.

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Ibn al-Muqaffa' (d. 139/757)
Al-Muqammaṣ, Dāwūd (early 9th c.)
Māshā'allāh (d. ca. 200/815)
Ibn al-Biṭrīq (fl. ca. 200/815)
Abū al-Hudhayl (d. ca. 226/840)
Al-Naẓẓām (d. between 220/835 and 230/845)
Al-Ḥimṣī, Ibn Nā'ima (fl. ca. 215/830)
Al-Kindī (d. after 256/870)
Ibn Isḥāq, Ḥunayn (d. ca. 260/873)
Al-Balkhī, Abū Ma'shar (d. 272/886)

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Ibn Lūqā, Qusṭā (ca. 205/820–300/912)
Al-Jubbā'ī, Abū 'Alī (d. 303/915–16)
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Al-Rāzī, Abū Bakr (d. 313/925)
Abū Tammām (4th/10th c.)
Al-Balkhī, Abū al-Qāsim (d. 319/931)
Al-Jubbā'ī, Abū Hāshim (d. 321/933)
Al-Rāzī, Abū Ḥātim (d. 322/934)
Al-Balkhī, Abū Zayd (d. 322/934)
Al-Ash'arī, Abū al-Ḥasan (d. 324/935–6)
Ibn Yūnus, Abū Bishr Mattā (d. 328/940)
Gaon, Saadia (882–942)
Al-Nasafī, Muḥammad (d. 332/943)
Al-Fārābī (d. 339/950–1)
Israeli, Isaac (d. 955)
Ikhwān al-Ṣafā' (The Brethren of Purity) (4th/10th c.)
Al-Sijistānī, Abū Ya'qūb (d. ca. 361/971)
Ibn 'Adī, Yaḥyā (d. 363/974)
Al-Sīrāfī, Abū Sa'īd (d. 369/979)
Al-Sijistānī (al-Manṭiqī), Abū Sulaymān (d. ca. 375/985)
Al-Andalūsī, Ibn Juljul (d. after 377/987)
Al-'Āmirī (d. 381/991)
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'Abd al-Jabbār (d. 415/1024–5)
Ibn Miskawayh (d. 421/1030)
Avicenna (Ibn Sīnā) (370/980–428/1037)
Ibn al-Haytham (Alhazen) (d. ca. 432/1040)
Ibn al-Ṭayyib, Abū al-Faraj (d. 434/1043)
Al-Bīrūnī (d. 440/1048)
Ibn Gabirol, Solomon (Avicebron) (1021–58 or 1070)
Ibn Ḥazm (d. 456/1064)
Ibn Marzubān, Bahmanyār (d. 459/1066)
Ibn Ṣā'id al-Andalūsī, Abū al-Qāsim Ṣā'id (d. 462/1070)
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Al-Juwaynī, Imām al-Ḥaramayn (d. 478/1085)
Al-Lawkarī, Abū al-Abbās (fl. 503/1109–10)
Al-Ghazālī, Abū Ḥāmid (450/1058–505/1111)
Al-Nasafī, Abū al-Mu'īn (d. 508/1114–15)
Ibn Bājja (Avempace) (d. 533/1139)
Halevi, Judah (d. 1141)
Al-Baghdādī, Abū al-Barakāt (d. after 560/1164–5)
Ibn Da'ud, Abraham (ca. 1110–80)
Ibn Ṭufayl (d. 581/1185–6)
Suhrawardī (549/1154–587/1191)
Averroes (ibn Rushd) (520/1126–595/1198)
Al-Biṭrūjī (fl. ca. 600/1204)
Maimonides (1135 or 1138–1204)
Al-Rāzī, Fakhr al-Dīn (d. 606/1210)
Al-Baghdādī, 'Abd al-Laṭīf (d. 628/1231)
Ibn 'Arabī (560/1165–638/1240)
Ibn Yūnus, Kamāl al-Dīn (d. 639/1242)
Ibn al-Qifṭī (d. 646/1248)
Falaquera, Shem-Tov (d. ca. 1295)
Al-Abharī, Athīr al-Dīn (d. 663/1264)
Ibn Abī Uṣaybi'a (d. 668/1270)
Al-Ṭūsī, Naṣīr al-Dīn (d. 672/1274)
Al-Kātibī, Najm al-Dīn al-Qazwīnī (d. 675/1276)
Ibn Kammūna, Sa'd al-Dīn (d. 1277)
Al-Bayḍāwī (d. 685/1286 or 691/1292)
Al-Shahrazūrī, Shams al-Dīn (d. after 688/1289)
Albalag, Isaac (late 13th c.)
Al-Shīrāzī, Quṭb al-Dīn (d. 710/1311)
Al-Ḥillī, al-'Allāma (d. 726/1325)
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Dawwānī, Jalāl al-Dīn (d. 907/1501)
Al-Dimashqī, Muḥammad b. Makkī Shams al-Dīn (d. 937/1531)
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