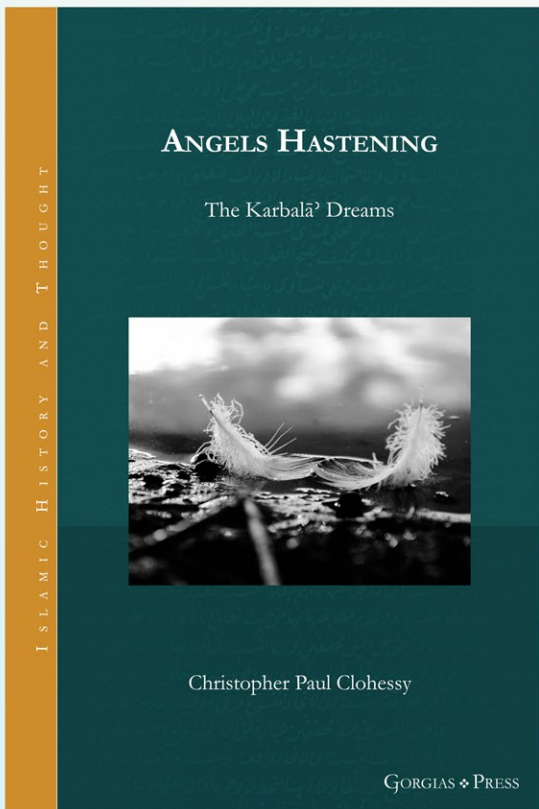


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Angels Hastening: The Karbalā' Dreams



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When, on an autumn Medina night in 61/680, the night that saw al-Ḥusayn killed, Umm Salama was torn from her sleep by an apparition of a long-dead Muḥammad, she slipped effortlessly into a progression of her co-religionists who, irrespective of status, gender or standing with God, were the recipients of dark and arresting visions. At the core of those Delphian dreams, peopled by angels or ḡinn or esteemed forbears and textured with Iraqi dust and martyrs' blood, was the Karbalā' event. Her dream would be recounted by an array of Muslim scholars, from al-Tirmiḏī, stellar pupil of al-Buḥārī, and Ibn 'Asākir, untiring chronicler of Syrian history, to bibliophile theologian Ibn Ṭā'ūs and Egyptian polymath al-Suyūṭī. But this was not Umm Salama's only otherworldly encounter and she was not the only one to have al-Ḥusayn's fate disturb her nights. This presentation will explore their story.

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