

Loosely categorised list of 87 Arabic scientific manuscripts digitised during Phase Three of the British Library/Qatar Foundation Partnership

Human health, medicine, pharmacology and surgery

- Add MS 19547: *al-Ṣulḥ bayna al-ikhwān fī ḥukm ibāḥat al-dukhān* by ‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī (d. 1731). A treatise in defense of tobacco smoking, copied in 1748.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100000000041.0x0001c1
- Or 11888: *al-Kashf wa-al-bayān ‘ammā yata‘allaq bi-al-nisyān* also by ‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī. A treatise on the phenomenon of forgetfulness, copied ca 18th century.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100080715982.0x000001
- Add MS 6026: *Kitāb al-ḥikmah fī al-ṭibb* by ‘Alī ibn ‘Abd Allāh al-Qurashī. Collection of prescriptions, notes on *materia medica*, anecdotes and poetry concerning medicine and related topics drawn from various sources. 18th century.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100044433795.0x000001
- IO Islamic 4608: *Kitāb al-‘amalīyāt al-jarrāḥīyah*. A 19th-century copy of an anonymous handbook on surgery. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100049244005.0x000001
- IO Islamic 2274: An anonymous fragment on medicine, copied in the 18th century.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100106887429.0x000001
- Or 11247: *Risālat al-shifā’ li-adwā’ al-wabā’* by Aḥmad ibn Muṣṭafā Ṭāshkubrī’zādah. A treatise on the prevention and cure of plague, ca 17th century.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100104999824.0x000001
- Or 6285: Fragments of two medical manuscripts. Dating to around the 13th century, and mostly comprising sections of commentaries on the *Qānūn fī al-ṭibb (Canon of Medicine)* of Ibn Sīnā (Avicenna, d. 1037).
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100100038092.0x000001
- Or 11213: *Kitāb al-bāḥīyah wa-al-tarkībāt al-Sultānīyah* by Naṣīr al-Dīn al-Ṭūsī. A 19th-century copy of a work on sexual health, composed by the famous astronomer-courtier (d. 1274) in response to the ailments of an anonymous prince.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100106888804.0x000001
- Or 6386: *Sharḥ fuṣūl Abuqrāṭ* by Abū al-Qāsim ‘Abd al-Raḥmān ibn ‘Alī Ibn Abī Ṣādiq al-Nīsābūrī (d. ca 1068). A commentary on the *Aphorisms* of Hippocrates.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100047991206.0x000001
- IO Islamic 854: *al-Tuḥfah al-sa’dīyah* by Maḥmūd ibn Mas’ūd Quṭb al-Dīn al-Shīrāzī.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100055234090.0x000001

- Or 6273: A collection of works and extracts mostly on medicine. 19th century. Contents include works by Najīb al-Dīn al-Samarqandī, some works composed by the copyist's own grandfather, and a short treatise on pen-cutting and ink-making.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100086379253.0x000001
- Or 12152: *Kitāb anīs al-jalīs fī kull ḥadīth nafīs*. 19th-century pharmacological handbook probably compiled by Ibrāhīm ibn Khalī al-Najjār, chief medic to the Ottoman army in Beirut.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100106890409.0x000001

See Jenny Norton-Wright, 'Ibrāhīm al-Najjār al-Dayrānī: Doctor of Lebanon', British Library Untold Lives blog (5 July 2022):

<https://blogs.bl.uk/untoldlives/2022/07/ibr%C4%81h%C4%ABm-al-najj%C4%81r-al-dayr%C4%81n%C4%AB-doctor-of-lebanon.html>

- Or 14155: A collection of treatises on medicine and pharmacology, mostly by Najīb al-Dīn al-Samarqandī, and copied in 1576.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100086325394.0x000001
- Or 9007: Anonymous compendium of medicine. Volume one of a comprehensive treatise in the tradition of Ibn Sīnā's *Canon of Medicine*, copied in Cyprus in 1335 by a Christian physician. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100086325687.0x000001
- Or 12150: Two treatises on medicine. 19th-century copy of a work on medicine in a question-and-answer format, and a commentary on the Arabic translation of the *Prognosticon* of Hippocrates. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100086326232.0x000001
- Add MS 23410: *Kāmil al-ṣinā'ah al-ṭibbīyah* by 'Alī ibn al-'Abbās al-Majūsī. Voluminous medical encyclopaedia composed for the Būyid king 'Aḍud al-Dawlah (ruled 949-83) and copied in part by a Christian physician in 1577.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100088051647.0x000001
- Add MS 23560: A compendium of medical texts in Arabic and Persian. Containing among other texts, *al-Murakkabāt al-Shāhīyah*, a work on compound medicines by Maḥmūd ibn Mas'ūd 'Imād al-Dīn Shīrāzī (fl. 16th century). Copied in 1688, the colophon date references the Chinese-Uighur calendar.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100088054536.0x000001
- Arundel Or 35: *Sharḥ al-asbāb wa-al-'alāmāt* by Nafīs ibn 'Iwaḍ al-Kirmānī. Incomplete copy (dated 1574) of a commentary on the *Causes and Indications*, Najīb al-Dīn al-Samarqandī's medical reference work on the causes, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of diseases.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100088053813.0x000001
- Or 3131: *Jāmi' li-mufradāt al-adwiyah wa-al-aghdiyah* by 'Abd Allāh Muḥammad ibn Aḥmad Ibn al-Bayṭār. Part One of this work by the Ayyubid royal botanist, copied in 1448.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100092864277.0x000001

- Or 6429: *al-Jāmi' li-quwā al-adwiyah wa-al-aghddhiyah*, by 'Abd Allāh ibn Aḥmad Ibn al-Bayṭār. Another 15th-century copy of the same work, under a variant title.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100088051994.0x000001
- IO Islamic 1044: *Minhāj al-bayān fīmā yasta'miluhu al-insān* by Yaḥyá ibn 'Īsá Ibn Jazlah. 16th- or 17th-century copy of a handbook on pharmacology, composed for the Abbasid Caliph al-Muqtadī bi-Amr Allāh (ruled 1075-94).
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100093647587.0x000001
- Add MS 16659: A massive compendium of 53 philosophical and scientific texts by and about Avicenna, copied in 1182/1768-9 probably in India.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100000001517.0x000093
- IO Islamic 1132: *Tarwīḥ al-arwāḥ min 'ilal al-ashbāḥ* by Fakhr al-Dīn Muḥammad ibn Muḥammad al-Khujandī. First half of a large work on diseases and their symptoms, complications and remedies, copied in the 18th century.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100086325126.0x000001
- IO Islamic 2171: *Baḥr al-jawāhir* by Muḥammad ibn Yūsuf al-Harawī. A medical dictionary in Arabic and Persian, followed by two lists of definitions for different weights and measures, copied in 1684-5. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100088052385.0x000001

Mathematics

- Delhi Arabic 1897: Two treatises on algebra and inheritance calculations and an excerpt on magic squares, all by Muḥammad ibn Aḥmad al-Khuzā'ī. Copied 1627 and mostly comprising a commentary on al-Khwārizmī's seminal work on algebra.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100042392200.0x000001
- On this and other volumes with the shelfmark 'Delhi Arabic...', see Jenny Norton-Wright, 'The Prize Agents of 1857 and the Acquisition of the Delhi Collection', Qatar Digital Library <<https://www.qdl.qa/en/prize-agents-1857-and-acquisition-delhi-collection>> [accessed 2 July 2024]
- IO Islamic 1748: *Khulāṣat al-ḥisāb* by Bahā' al-Dīn Muḥammad ibn Ḥusayn al-'Āmilī. A popular textbook on arithmetic, copied in 1636.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100106886354.0x000001
 - IO Islamic 1582: *Anwār Khulāṣat al-ḥisāb* by 'Iṣmat Allāh ibn A'ẓam al-Sahāranfūrī. A commentary on the preceding work, copied in Bijapur in 1693.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100106886129.0x000001
 - Or 6280: Three texts on mathematics and astronomy, including another copy of al-'Āmilī's *Khulāṣat al-ḥisāb* and a commentary on it by his student al-Kāzimī, copied 1702.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100042089576.0x000001

- Add MS 9639: Two treatises on inheritance shares and mathematics. A Maghribi copy, dated 1064/1653, of a versified commentary on inheritance shares (*farā'id*), and of a text on the use of the dust board for mathematical calculations.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100106885530.0x000001
- Or 11210: A treatise on arithmetic and geometry, with its commentary, both by Ibrāhīm ibn 'Umar al-Biqā'ī. A holograph copy (written by the author himself) in which al-Biqā'ī records that he composed this versified treatise, and the commentary to it, at the age of 25 in 836/1433. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100106889047.0x000001

Music theory

- Or 136: *Kitāb al-adwār fī 'ilm al-mūsīqī* by 'Abd al-Mu'min ibn Yūsuf al-Urmawī (Ṣafī al-Dīn al-Urmawī, d. 1294). *The Book of Cycles*, an influential treatise on music theory, copied in 792/1390 at the shrine of Shaykhūn in Cairo.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100085098732.0x000001
- Or 13019: *Kitāb al-in'ām bi-ma'rifat al-anghām* by Shams al-Dīn al-Ṣaydāwī. Visually striking copy of a work on music notation, copied in 906/1501.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100084756787.0x000001

See Jenny Norton-Wright, 'Innovations in music notation in late medieval Syria: British Library manuscript Or. 13019', British Library Music blog (29 June 2020)
<https://blogs.bl.uk/music/2020/06/innovations-in-music-notation-in-late-medieval-syria-british-library-manuscript-or-13019.html>

- Or 2361: A collection of fourteen treatises on music theory in Arabic and Persian. A compendium of important works in both Arabic and Persian, in a copy produced for a Mughal nobleman in 1073-75/1662-65.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100035587376.0x000001

See Jenny Norton-Wright, 'A Mughal Musical Miscellany: the creation of Or. 2361', Qatar Digital Library <<https://www.qdl.qa/en/mughal-musical-miscellany-creation-or-2361>> [accessed 2 July 2024]

Astronomy, timekeeping, and astronomical instrumentation

- Or 5408: Six treatises on mathematics and astronomy. Including texts describing the operations of types of quadrants, copied 1070/1659-60.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100086325989.0x000001
- Add MS 7492: Four treatises on astronomy and calendrics copied in Amasya, Turkey, in 912/1507. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100106885028.0x000001
- IO Islamic 4419: *Mukhtaṣar fī ṣan'at ba'd al-ālāt al-raṣadīyah wa-al-'amal bihā* by 'Abd al-'Alī ibn Muḥammad ibn Ḥusayn al-Birjandī; and *Risālat mukhtaṣarah shāmilah kayfiyat inshā' al-*

jadwal wa-istikhrāj a'mālihi. Two treatises on the construction and use of over 20 astronomical instruments copied in 1066/1656, having been commissioned by the same patron as that of Or 2361 (see Music Theory), who added its diagrams himself.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099078300.0x000001

- Or 11207: *Sharḥ al-tadhkirat al-naṣīriyah fī 'ilm al-hay'ah* by 'Alī ibn Muḥammad ibn 'Alī al-Ḥusaynī al-Jurjānī: a commentary on Naṣīr al-Dīn al-Ṭūsī's treatise on Ptolemy's *Almagest*. Dated 831/1428. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100086291878.0x000001
- Or 11864: *Kitāb al-Tashīl wa-al-taqrīb fī al-ḥall wa-al-tarkīb* by Aḥmad ibn Rajab Ibn al-Majdī. This copy of a handbook on astronomical calculations was transcribed from a copy made by Ibn al-Majdī's student al-Wafā'ī, and is followed by a detailed transmission certificate dated 875/1470 and authorised by al-Wafā'ī himself.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100106889342.0x000001
- IO Islamic 622: *Sullam al-samā' (al-Risālah al-kamāliyah)* by Jamshīd ibn Mas'ūd al-Kāshī. An astronomical treatise on the sizes and distances of the planets and fixed stars, copied 850/1447. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100106886576.0x000001

Astrology

- Or 5591: Collection of Arabic astrological and divinatory texts, and a fragment of a Persian manuscript. A wide-ranging compendium based on ancient and contemporary sources, copied in 867/1462-3.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099023112.0x000001
- Or 9011: *Kitāb Jāmi' li-'ilm aḥkām al-masā'il*. Comprehensive treatise on the science of prognostication through astrological interrogations, purportedly by Ibn Abī al-Shukr (d. ca 1283), copied in 1200/1786.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100088054078.0x000001
- Or 5709: *al-Mukhtār min kutub al-ikhtiyārāt al-falakīyah* by Yaḥyá ibn Jarīr al-Takrītī. A compilation of astrological interrogations commissioned by a well-connected Marwanid cultural figure, copied in 646/1249.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099023057.0x000001

See Jenny Norton-Wright, 'Viziers, fears, and a manuscript: The tumultuous history of the al-Anbārī brothers', Qatar Digital Library <<https://www.qdl.qa/en/viziers-fears-and-manuscript-tumultuous-history-al-anbari-brothers>> [accessed 2 July 2024]

Cosmology, geography, navigation, wonders and travel accounts

- Or 14293: *Yatīmat al-'aṣr fī al-madd wa-al-jazr* by 'Abd al-Qādir ibn Aḥmad ibn 'Alī Ibn Mīmī. A copy of a treatise on rivers, seas and the phenomenon of tides, dating to its author's lifetime in the 17th century.

https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100106890134.0x000001

- Or 1524: *Kitāb ‘ajā’ib al-aqālīm al-sab‘ah* ‘Alī ibn Mūsā ibn Sa‘īd. Geographical compendium and gazetteer based on Ptolemy’s Geography and dating to around 1300.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100081349737.0x000001
- Or 7712: *Mawāniḥ al-uns bi-riḥlatī li-wādī al-Quds* by Muṣṭafá As‘ad ibn Aḥmad al-Laḳīmī. Account of the author’s journey from Egypt to Jerusalem in 1143/1731.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100110632083.0x000001
- Or 4636: *Mukhtaṣar Nuzhat al-mushtāq fī ikhtirāq al-āfāq* by al-Idrīsī. 19th-century copy of an abridgement of the famous description of the known world commissioned for King Roger II of Sicily (ruled 1112-54).
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100110633422.0x000001
- Or 7978: *Kawkab al-Rawḍah* by ‘Abd al-Raḥmān ibn Abī Bakr al-Suyūṭī. Description of the island of al-Rawḍah in Cairo, written by the prolific scholar (d. 1505) after he had turned his back on society and retired to the island. Copied in 1009/1600 by a scribe who complains of the pressure put on him to finish the job quickly.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100110633515.0x000001
- Or 8350: *Talkhīṣ al-āthār fī ‘ajā’ib al-aqṭār* by ‘Abd al-Rashīd ibn Šāliḥ al-Bakuwī. An abridgement, copied in 1401, of *Āthār al-bilād wa-akhbār al-‘ubād* by Zakarīyā ibn Muḥammad al-Qazwīnī.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100110633651.0x000001

For this and other volumes purchased from the dealer ‘Abd al-Majid Belshah in the 1910s and 1920s, see Jenny Norton-Wright, 'The Baghdadi Bookseller of Bloomsbury', Qatar Digital Library <<https://www.qdl.qa/en/baghdadi-bookseller-bloomsbury>> [accessed 2 July 2024]

- Add MS 9596: *Natījat al-ijtihād fī al-muhādannah wa-al-jihād* by Aḥmad ibn al-Mahdī al-Ghazzāl. Narrative of this Moroccan diplomat’s mission to Spain in 1766-67, during which he toured many parts of the country.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100110631601.0x000001
- Or 1526: *‘Ajā’ib al-dunyā* by Ibrāhīm ibn Waṣīf Shāh al-Miṣrī. Cosmography focusing on Egypt, copied in 1093/1682.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100110631701.0x000001
- Or 2920: A nautical almanac containing a mix of tables, texts and diagrams aiding navigation. The volume was captured from a ship by a British Imperial officer off Oman in 1884.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100110631787.0x000001

- Or 3392: *Kitāb al-ṣafwah fī waṣf al-mamlakah al-Miṣrīyah*: abridged (from an earlier work on Egypt's geography), copied, illuminated and bound by the astronomer Muḥammad ibn Abī Faṭḥ al-Ṣūfī. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100110631884.0x000001

See Jenny Norton-Wright, 'Reading, transmitting, and making books: The personal touch of Muḥammad ibn Abī al-Faṭḥ al-Ṣūfī, astronomer of Cairo', Qatar Digital Library <<https://www.qdl.qa/en/reading-transmitting-and-making-books-personal-touch-muhammad-ibn-abi-al-fath-al-sufi-astronomer>> [accessed 2 July 2024]

- Or 5305: *Kitāb al-masālik wa-al-mamālik*, by Ibrāhīm ibn Muḥammad al-Iṣṭakhrī. A geography of the world with emphasis on Iran, including 21 labelled maps. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100110632004.0x000001
- Add MS 7503: *Nashq al-azhār fī 'ajā'ib al-aqṭār*, by Abū al-Barakāt Muḥammad ibn Aḥmad ibn Iyās. Geography with a focus on Egypt, copied in 1655. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100092865308.0x000001
- Add MS 9589: Volumes 14 and 15 of *Masālik al-abṣār fī mamālik al-amṣār* by Aḥmad ibn Yaḥyá ibn Faḍl Allāh al-'Umarī. A compilation of *jāhiliyah* and early Islamic period poetry, part of a larger work broadly on geography. The volume was once borrowed by the historian al-Maqrīzī. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100093647864.0x000001
- IO Islamic 1734: *Kharīdat al-'ajā'ib wa-farīdat al-gharā'ib* by Sirāj al-Dīn Abū Ḥafṣ 'Umar Ibn al-Wardī. A literary geography with emphasis on Egypt. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100093647487.0x000001

Zoology and veterinary sciences

See Jenny Norton-Wright, 'The usefulness of animals in the Arabic scientific tradition', Qatar Digital Library <<https://www.qdl.qa/en/usefulness-animals-arabic-scientific-tradition>> [accessed 2 July 2024]

- Or 14376: *Kitāb fī 'ilm al-zardaqaḥ*, a summary of part of an influential work on the care of horses, by Abū Bakr ibn al-Mundhir al-Bayṭār, horse veterinarian to the Mamluk sultan al-Nāṣir Muḥammad ibn Qalāwūn (reg. intermittently between 1293-1341). https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100098983347.0x000001
- Or 3830: *al-Aqwāl al-kāfiyah wa-al-fuṣūl al-shāfiyah*, a text on the care, physiology, and management of horses composed around 1330 by al-Malik al-Mujāhid 'Alī ibn Dāwūd, the Rasulid Sultan of Yemen (ruled 1321-62). https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099038760.0x000001
- Or 7470: A literary anthology and a treatise on hippiatry, copied in 1488 https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099023199.0x000001

- Or 6493: *Ḥayāt al-ḥayawān* by Muḥammad ibn Mūsá al-Damīrī. An important zoological encyclopaedia, copied in Aleppo in early Rabī' II 841/October 1437.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100088052934.0x000001

Military sciences

- Add MS 7514: Treatise on swordmanship, archery and other military skills [*Dhikr al-'amal bi-al-sayf*] dated 9 Rabī' I 739/24 September 1338.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100073295176.0x000001
- Or 9015: Unique copy of an anonymous treatise on horsemanship and the arts of the lance.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099021814.0x000001
- Or 9016: *al-Tadbīrāt al-Sultānīyah fī siyāsāt al-ṣinā'ah al-ḥarbīyah* by Muḥammad ibn Mankalībūghā al-Nāṣirī. A treatise on the management of armies, by an officer of the Mamluk Sultan al-Malik al-Ashraf Sha'bān (ruled 764–78/1362–76).
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099022078.0x000001
- Or 3134: *al-Waḍīḥ fī al-ramy wa-al-nushshāb*, compiled by the early archery master Abū Muḥammad 'Abd al-Raḥmān Aḥmad al-Ṭabarī (active ca 9th century), in a 16th-century copy.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099022269.0x000001
- Or 9265: 15th-century volume containing three treatises on archery and horsemanship by al-Ṭabarī, including another copy of the text above (Or 3134).
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099021625.0x000001
- Or 12830: *Ghars al-anshāb fī al-ramy bi-al-nushshāb* by al-Suyūṭī, in a copy made in 918/1512, The text preserves an earlier poem on the bow and a treatise on archery, otherwise lost. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099022516.0x000001
- Or 1358: *Ghunyāt al-ṭullāb fī ma'rifat al-ramy bi-al-nushshāb* by Ṭaybūghā al-Baklamishī. An undated copy of a versified treatise on archery, along with a commentary on it, originally written in the 14th century.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099021362.0x000001
- Add MS 23489: *Ghunyāt al-ṭullāb fī ma'rifat al-ramy bi-al-nushshāb* by Ṭaybūghā al-Baklamishī. The same text as above, in a copy probably dating to the 15th century.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099022995.0x000001
- Or 3135: An untitled treatise on archery by Yūsuf ibn Muḥammad al-Jūkhī al-Mawṣilī, another work in the tradition of al-Ṭabarī's *al-Wāḍiḥ*.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099022436.0x000001

- Add MS 23487: *Nihāyat al-su'l wa-al-umnīyah fī ta'līm al-furūsīyah* by Muḥammad ibn ʿĪsā al-Aqṣarāyī al-Ḥawafī. Copy of a Mamluk manual on horsemanship, military arts and technology, dated 20 Shaʿbān 785/18 October 1383) and once owned by the colonial administrator and book collector Colonel Robert Taylor. The planned illustrations were never added. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100073295026.0x000001
- Add MS 23488: *Nihāyat al-su'l wa-al-umnīyah fī ta'līm al-furūsīyah* by Muḥammad ibn ʿĪsā al-Aqṣarāyī al-Ḥawafī. The same text, possibly a copy of the preceding volume, commissioned by Robert Taylor in 1841. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100099022943.0x000001
- Or 3631: Three treatises on military science, including an illustrated copy of the above text. A note records that the volume was at one time loaned out to George FitzClarence, 1st Earl of Munster (1794–1842), for his research into the military histories of Asia. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100092865436.0x000001

Jenny Norton-Wright, 'An Earl, a collection, and a shopping list: Mail-order military manuscripts', British Library Asian and African Studies blog (11 February 2021) <<https://blogs.bl.uk/asian-and-african/2021/02/an-earl-a-collection-and-a-shopping-list-mail-order-military-manuscripts.html>> [accessed 2 July 2024]

Dream interpretation and ethics

- Or 7793: *Nuzhat al-nāzīrīn fī al-akhbār wa-al-āthār al-marwīyah ʿan al-anbiyāʾ wa-al-ṣāliḥīn* by ʿAbd al-Malik ibn ʿAlī Ibn al-Muná al-Bābī. Volume one of an encyclopaedia of ethics based on the teachings of the pre-Islamic prophets, copied in around the 15th century. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100093647654.0x000001
- Or 14221: An anonymous treatise on the interpretation of dreams. A voluminous manual, copy dated 12 Rabīʿ I 719/3 May 1319. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100073295301.0x000001
- Or 7733: *al-Badr al-munīr fī ʿilm al-taʿbīr* by ʿAbd Allāh ibn ʿAlī ibn Jaydān, who was also the scribe of this copy, dated 727/1327. The author dedicated the work, a manual on dream interpretation, to a Mamluk prince who had died as a child. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100093647751.0x000001

See Bink Hallum, 'Power and Prognostication in the Cairo Sultanate', Qatar Digital Library <<https://www.qdl.qa/en/power-and-prognostication-cairo-sultanate>> [accessed 2 July 2024]

- Add MS 9690: *Kitāb al-ishārāt fī ʿilm al-ʿibārāt* by Khalīl ibn Shāhīn al-Zāhirī. 16th century copy of a manual on dream interpretation. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100093647399.0x000001

Encyclopaedias, bibliographies, indices

- Or 8254: Second volume of a copy of *Rasā'il Ikhwān al-Ṣafā'*, an encyclopaedic compendium of sciences and philosophy by the mysterious 'Brethren of Purity'. Dated 644/1247.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100073295527.0x000001
- Delhi Arabic 1941: *Dustūr al-'ajā'ib* by Dāwūd ibn 'Umar al-Anṭākī. A treatise on medicine and medical education, which became popular in India.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100088054302.0x000001
- Delhi Arabic 994: *Kashshāf iṣṭilāḥāt al-funūn* by Muḥammad ibn 'Alī al-Tahānawī. A copy in two volumes of an encyclopaedia of technical terminology.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100088051240.0x000001
- Add MS 7446: *Kashf al-zunūn 'an asāmī al-kutub wa-al-funūn*. An important bibliographical encyclopaedia listing about 14,500 works, compiled by the Ottoman scholar Muṣṭafá ibn 'Abd Allāh Ḥajjī Khalīfah (d. 1657), also known as Kâtip Çelebi, copied in 1170/1756.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100088051409.0x000001
- Or 9023: *Kashf al-zunūn 'an asāmī al-kutub wa-al-funūn* by Muṣṭafá ibn 'Abd Allāh Ḥajjī Khalīfah. Another copy of the same text, made in 1126/1714.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100088050378.0x000001
- Add MS 23492: *Mukhtaṣar Kashf al-zunūn* by Luṭf Allāh al-Khazīndār. An abridgement of *Kashf al-zunūn*, compiled in 1244/1828-29; this copy was made a year later.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100092865894.0x000001
- Or 9868: *Fath al-ḥayy al-qayyūm sharḥ rawḍat al-fuhūm*, an encyclopaedic completion on the sciences based on a work by al-Suyūṭī (d. 1505), by Aḥmad ibn Aḥmad al-Sunbāṭī. The entirety of another text, another inventory of sciences entitled *al-Lu'lu' al-naẓīm fī rawm al-ta'allum wa-al-ta'līm* by Zakarīyā ibn Muḥammad al-Anṣārī, was later added to the volume's opening flyleaves. https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100088051798.0x000001

A Christian almanac

- Or 8857: Fragment of a Christian Arabic Miscellany. This anonymous compilation was most likely produced in a monastery and contains Christian prayers, recipes for incenses, calendrical, astronomical, astrological, agricultural, medical and weather lore along with information about Christian feast days. Dating to around 1000, this is one of the oldest Arabic codices in the British Library collection.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100073295641.0x000001

See Bink Hallum, 'Fragments of Abbasid Sciences: From Desert Monastery to Digital Reunion', British Library Asian and African studies blog (27 May 2021)
<https://blogs.bl.uk/asian-and-african/2021/05/fragments-of-abbasid-sciences.html>

Agriculture and cooking

- Add MS 10461: *Kitāb al-filāḥah* by the Andalusī agronomist Yaḥyá ibn Muḥammad ibn al-‘Awwām. An important treatise on agriculture, in a copy made by an anonymous Spanish Arabist in the 18th century:
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100000000042.0x0003d4
- Or 5099: *Kitāb al-ṭabīkh* by Muḥammad ibn al-Ḥasan ibn al-Karīm al-Baghdādī. *The Book of Cookery*, in a presentation copy probably commissioned for the Ottoman Sulṭān Muḥammad II (The Conqueror, r. 1444-46; 1451-81).
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100110634919.0x000001

A notebook

- Sloane MS 2696: Miscellany of texts on gemstones, Ottoman sultans, and herbs. A tiny notebook probably compiled for personal use, ca 1595-1603.
https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_1000000000653.0x00017d