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# THE ABJAD SYSTEM IN THE SCIENCES AND ARTS

## ITS RISE AND FALL

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### ABOUT THE TALK

This talk will examine surviving historical evidence on the use of the Abjad number system in the Muslim world. Its varied use has been responsible for the development of the hard sciences on the one hand, and the production of unique pieces of poetry and culture. It was a system that is today lost to us because of Modernity but known to most for centuries; many of the things the Modern use, stemmed from this system that the Orient gave to the world.

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