Wilferd Madelung completed for publication his edition of the Kitāb al-najāt of the Yemenite Zaydi Imam Aḥmad al-Nāṣir (d. 936). This is the refutation of a treatise of the eighth century that affirms the doctrine of predestination, and it throws new light on the early development of speculative theology in Islam. Preliminary to a general history of Shiism, Mr. Madelung has written several contributions to the Encyclopaedia of Islam and the Encyclopaedia Persica on Shiite subjects. He has also prepared for publication a previously unknown treatise of the Sharif al-Murtaḍā (d. 1044) on the legitimacy of Shiites’ working for Sunnite government, with an analysis of the historical development of the question.