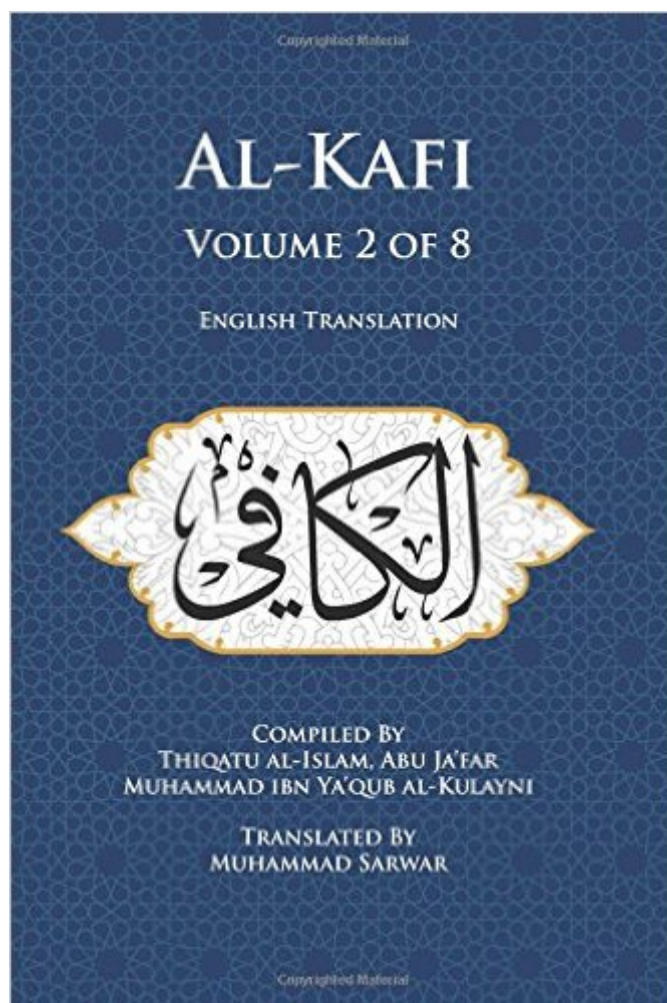# The book was found

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Synopsis

Al-Kafi, Volume 2 of 8 (Usul al-Kafi) - Compiled by Thiqatu al-Islam, Abu Jaâ ™far Muhammad ibn Yaâ ™qub al-Kulayni; English Translation by Shaykh Muhammad Sarwar. Al-Kafi - The first and foremost comprehensive book of Hadith of the Holy Prophet, with his Ahl al-Bayt as narrators, dealing with issues of theology and ethics, practical laws such as laws of taharat (cleanliness), laws of worship (prayer, zakat, fasting, hajj and jihad), laws of business, laws of family and social relations, and judicial laws.

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I have purchased volumes 1 and 2 of this amazing collection of ahadith. For anyone who is unfamiliar, Al-Kafi means the sufficient book. It is a collection of ahadith from Shi'a sources. At first glance, it is daunting, but in addition to the excellent translation that this is(you know you've come across books where you can see how a non English speaker flubbed the word choice or phrased something awkwardly although not incorrectly), the organization is excellent as well. This will be most important to readers more familiar with Sunni sources. The science of classifying hadith is a bit different between Sunni and Shi'a, but the way that Al-Kafi is organized begins with the hadith that the Sheikh al-Kulayni (may Allah bless his soul) considered to be the most reliable.Unlike Sunni books, the Shi'a consider that no book is "sahih," or "reliable" except the Qur'an itself. So even the compiler was very up front about the fact that there were hadith in there that were possibly not authentic and if they disagreed with the Qur'an that they were to be thrown out. I am not being critical of Sunni hadith collections. Although I am a Shi'a personally, I do have Sunni sources in my

collection as well, and I respect the methodology of Imam Bukhari, Imam Muslim, and Imam Tirmidhi (to name a few) very much. So for any brothers or sisters who may be Sunni, please don't take the comparison as a criticism.Another great feature of these books, is that the translator has made a list of the source to whom Kulayni is referring. This matters because he doesn't necessarily refer to (for example) Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (AS) by that exact name. In some cases, it is clear, but not being an Arabic speaker, the list was immensely helpful.

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