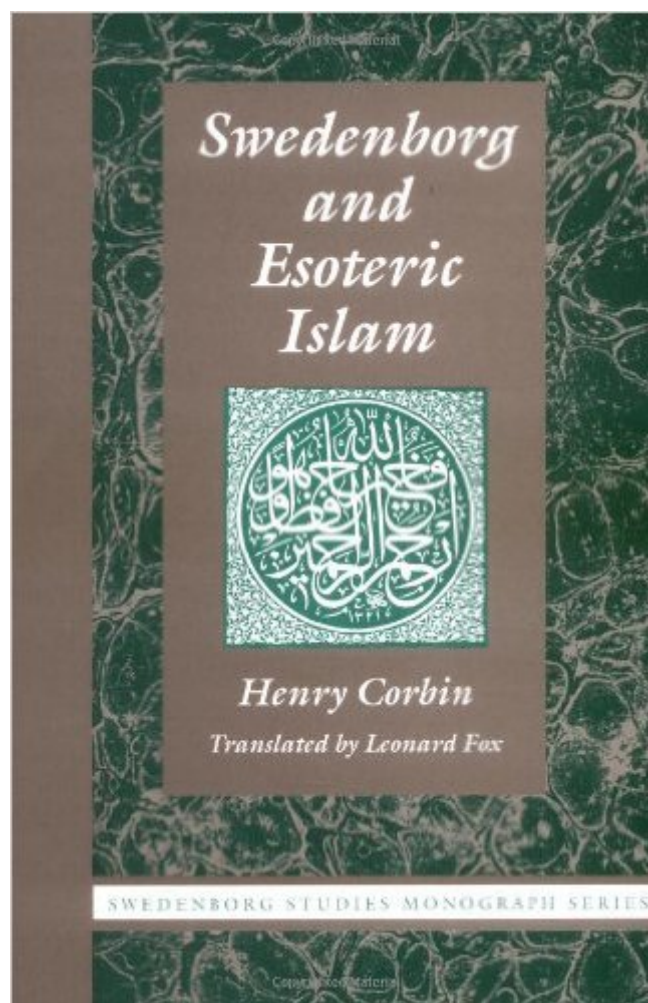


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I always wondered if Swedenborg had any external influences on his esoteric approach towards the Holy Book, and this book does shed some light on that. As a student of religious studies and as a Christian, I have to come to respect the Shia esoteric aspect of muslim religion.

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