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In this volume Christian Troll is trying to bring out the beliefs and practices of Muslims in India through empirical studies by a team of scholars in this field. The first part consists of a number of substantial research articles whereas the second part presents commentaries on contemporary developments and bibliographical analysis.

Mr. Khwaja Ahmad Faruqi explains the need for a new synthesis of Hinduism and Islam by integrating the ethnic groups with due acknowledgement of the already existing synthesis of the Indian culture. Anwar Moazzam studies the thinkers of Islam in India and explains the three definitions: (1) The 'ideal situation' visualised by Muslim intellectuals for the Muslims in future, (2) The 'ideology' leading to the 'ideal situation', and (3) The 'ideal Muslim', who, armed with that particular ideology, could create the 'ideal situation'. Paul Jackson invites us to look at the Sufis in India with sympathy and at the same time with admiration. Iqtidar Husain Siddiqui and Muhammad Yousaf Kokan write on the Sufi past bringing to our attention the generous and service-oriented life and outlook of eminent sufis. Muhammad Ishaq Khan illustrates how the sufi missionaries intuitively grasped essential elements of Kashmiri religious culture and ethos, and creatively gave expression to these in adapted forms of Kashmiri Muslim life and worship. Abdul Majid Mattoor shows us