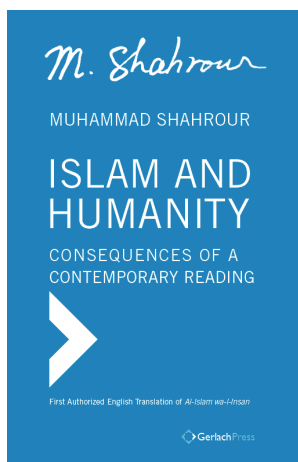


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The reader must actively interpret the meaning of the Qur'an. The Prophet Muhammad conveyed the last of God's revelations; now, writes Shahrour, humankind is on its own to perfect itself and adapt to modern conditions.

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books in the whole Arab world. It remains banned in many
Arab countries.

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