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Qur'ans from the Eastern Islamic World between the 4th/10th and 6th/12th Centuries

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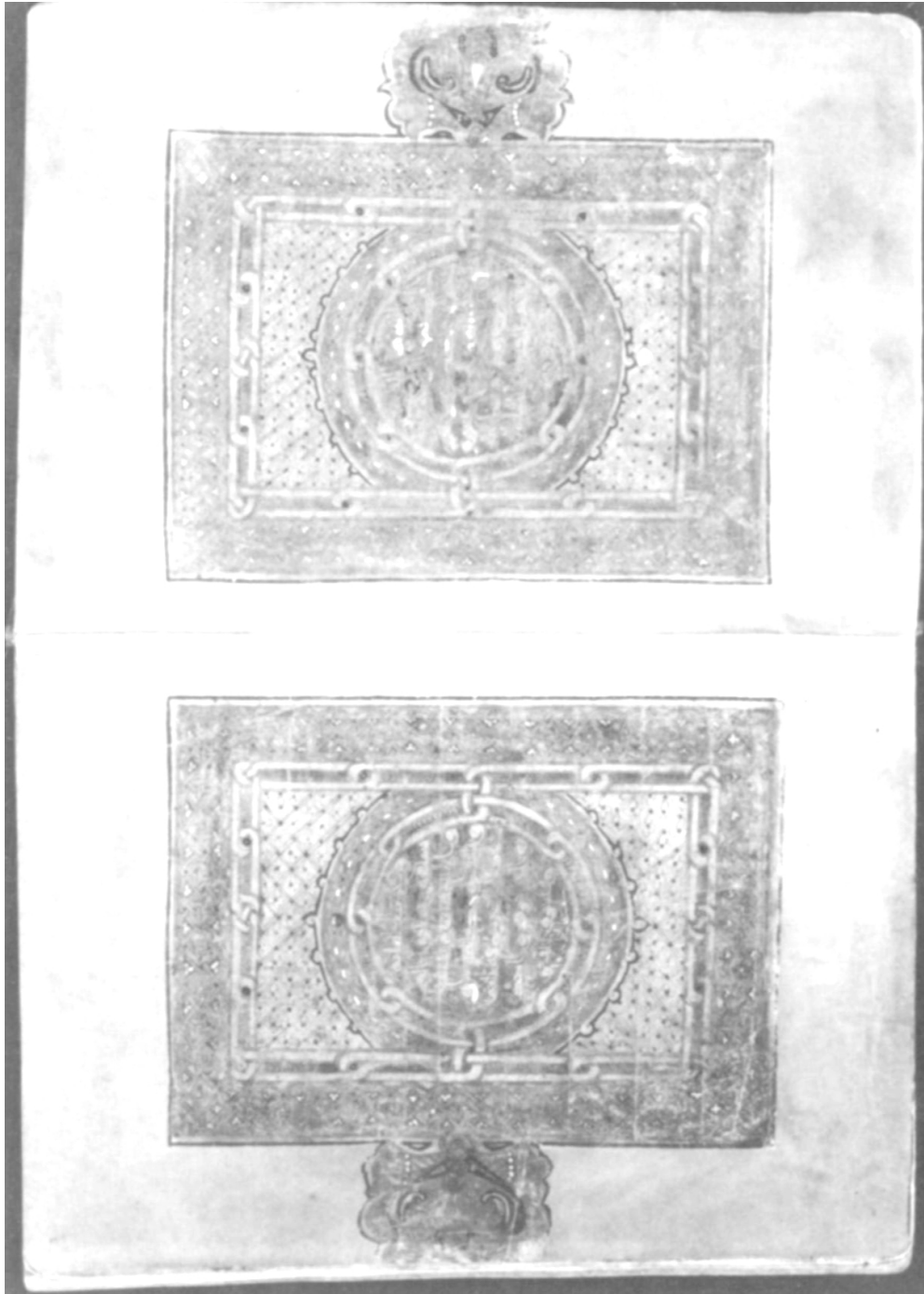


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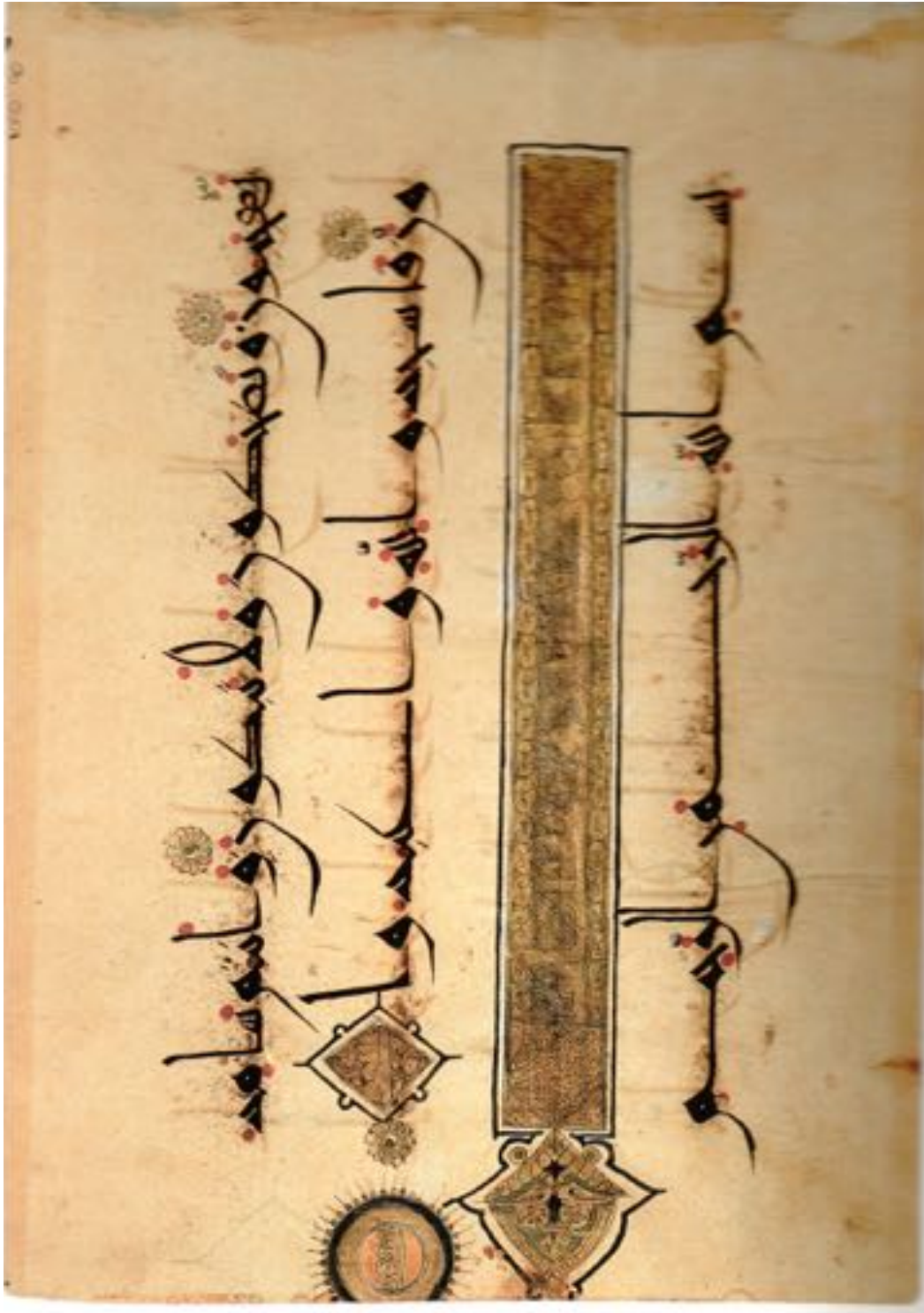
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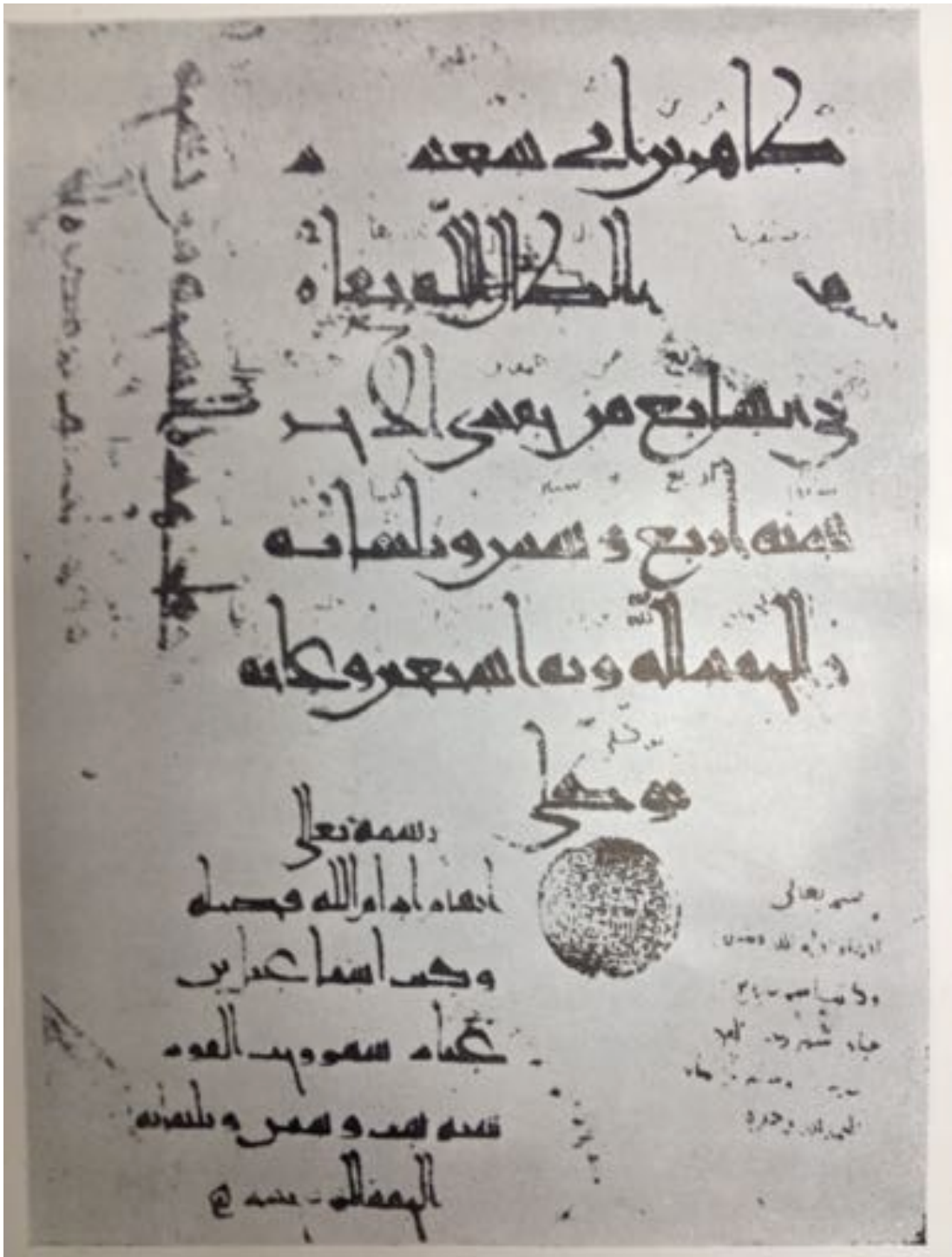
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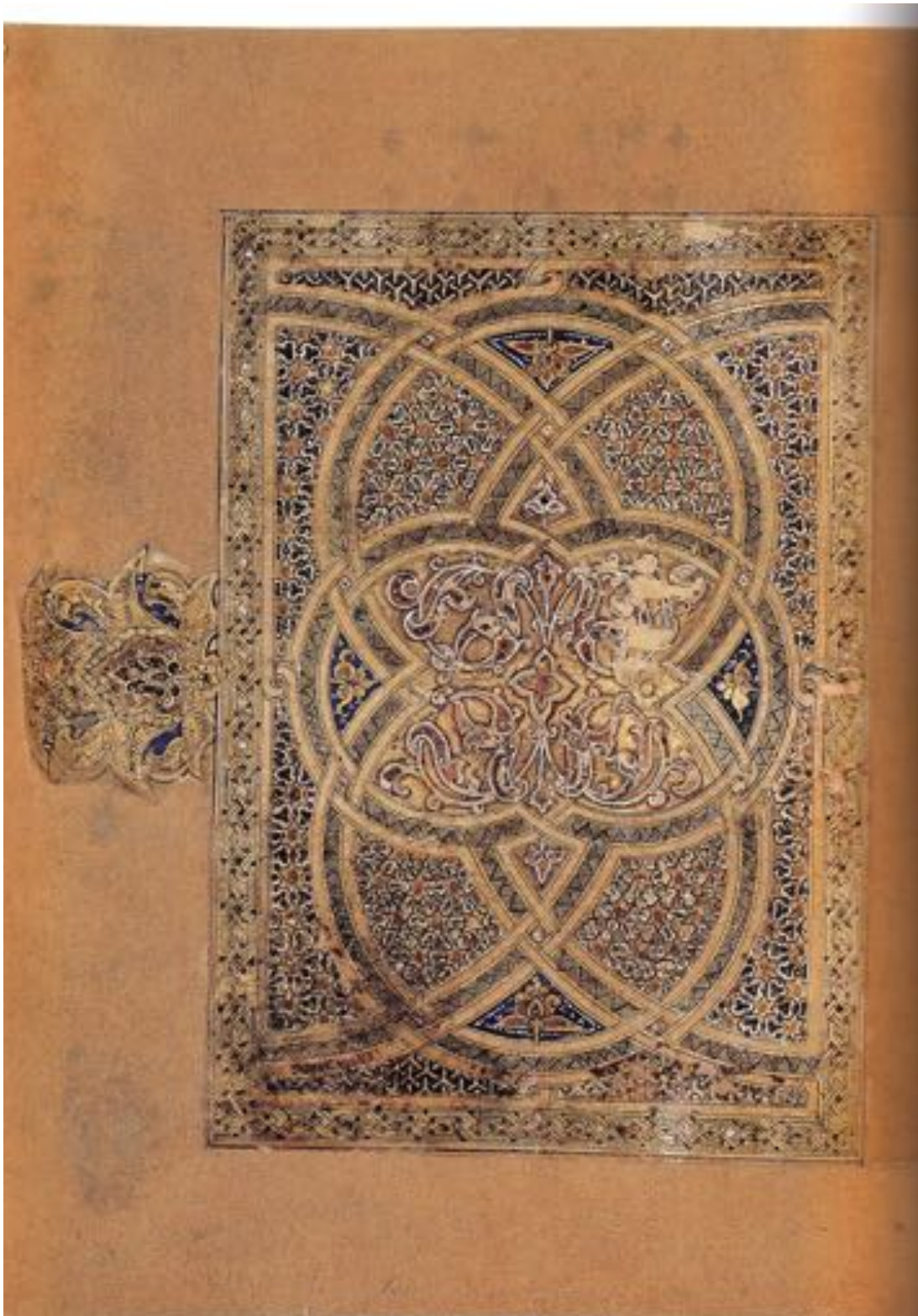
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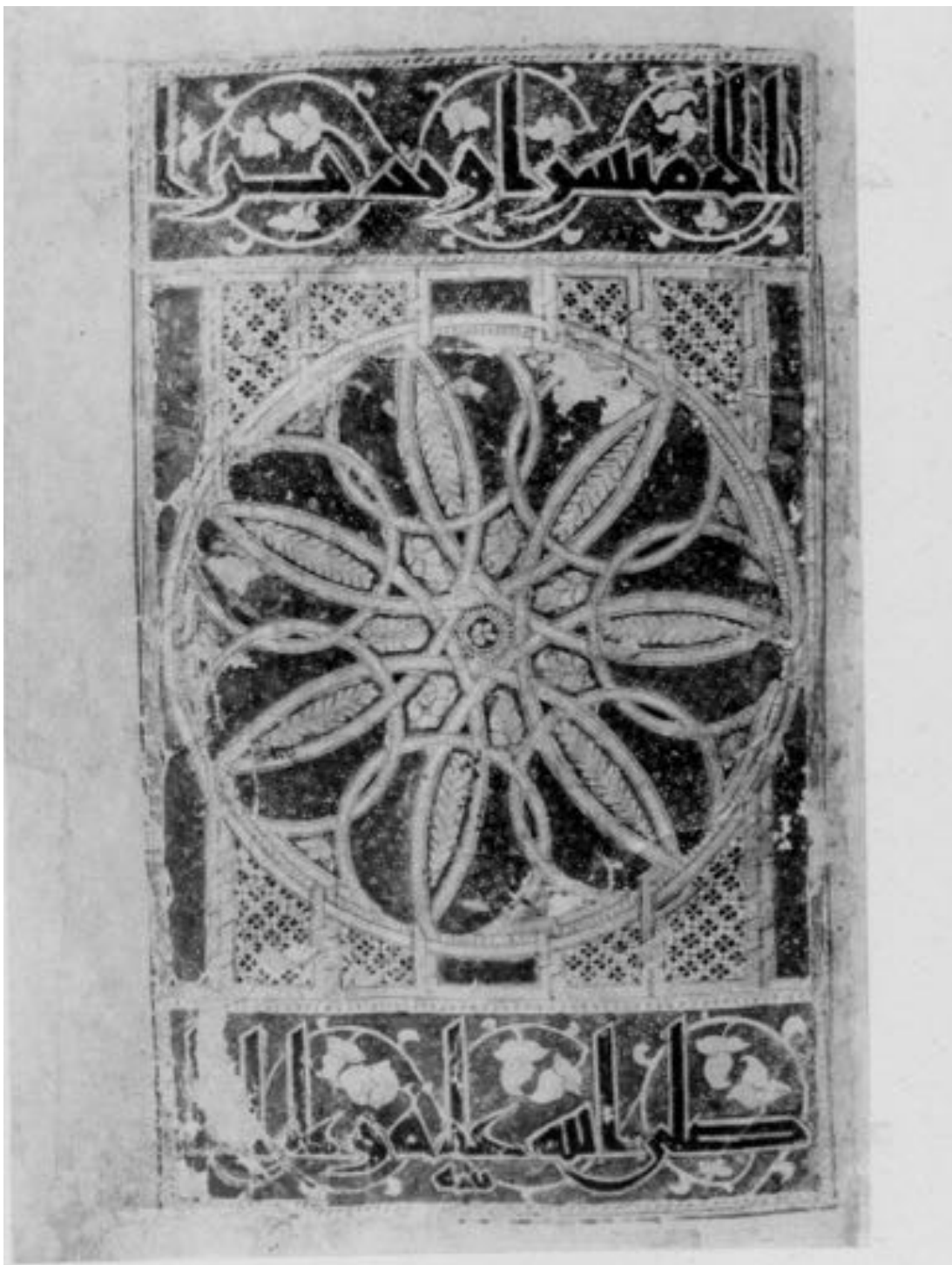


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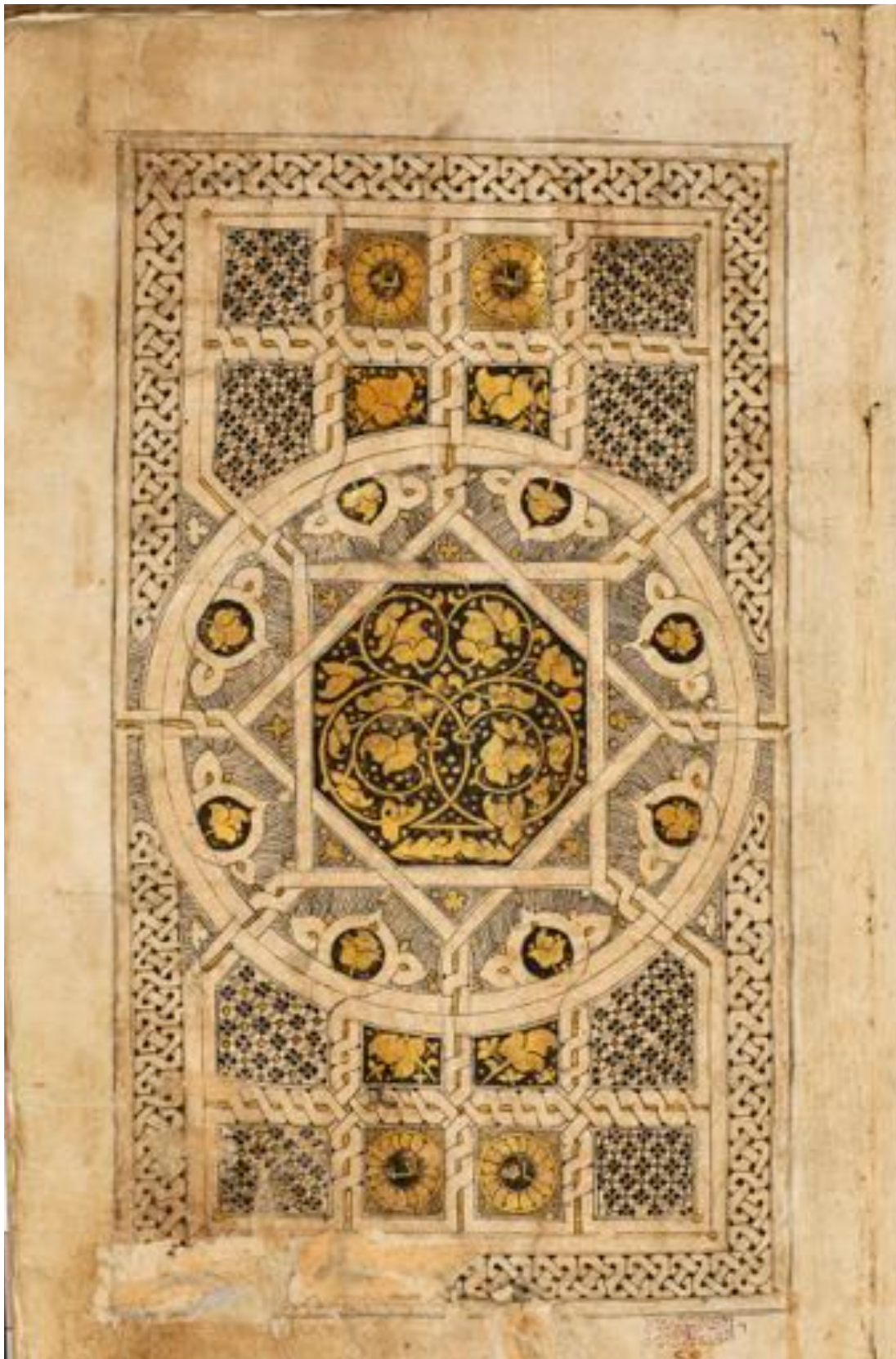
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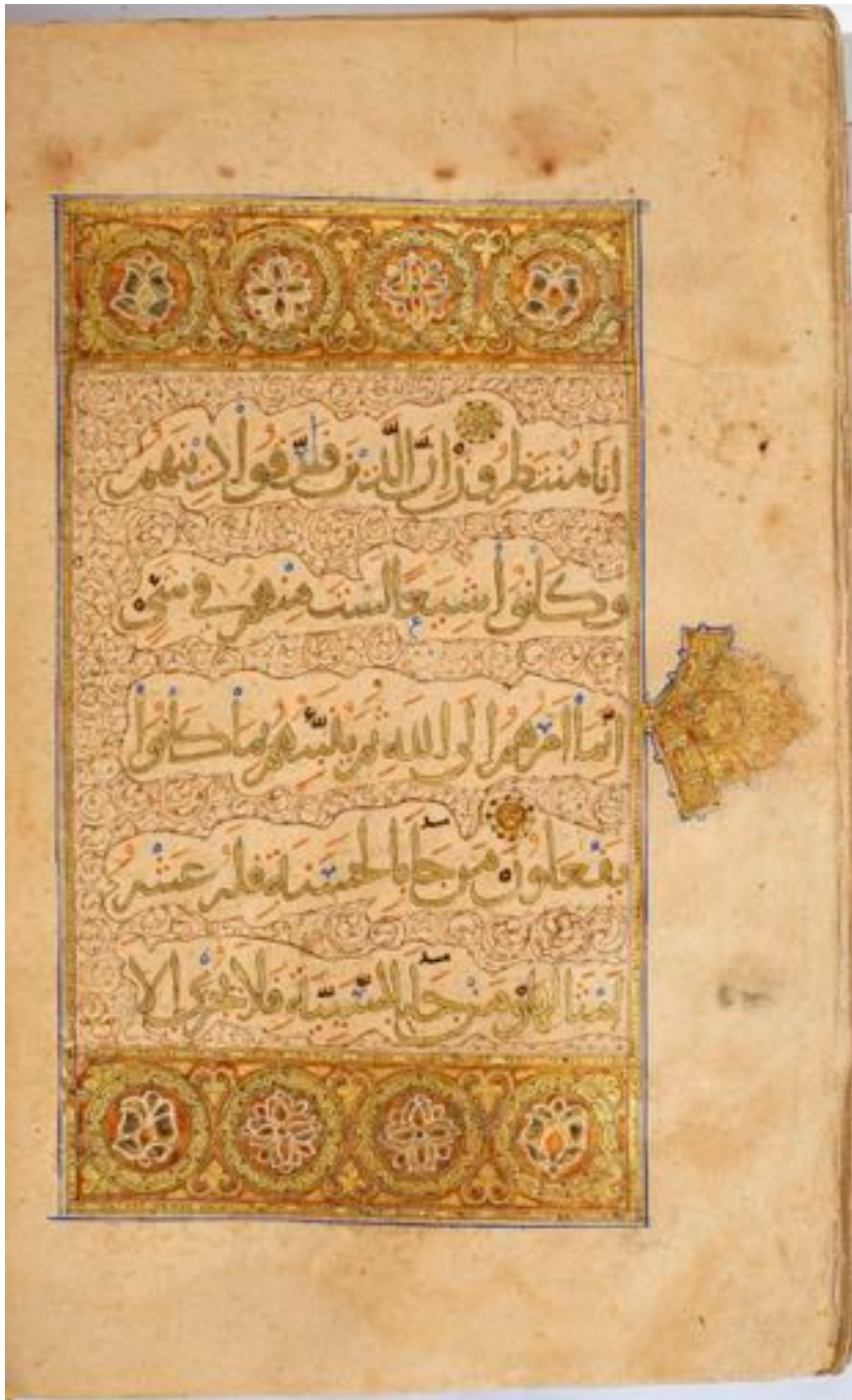
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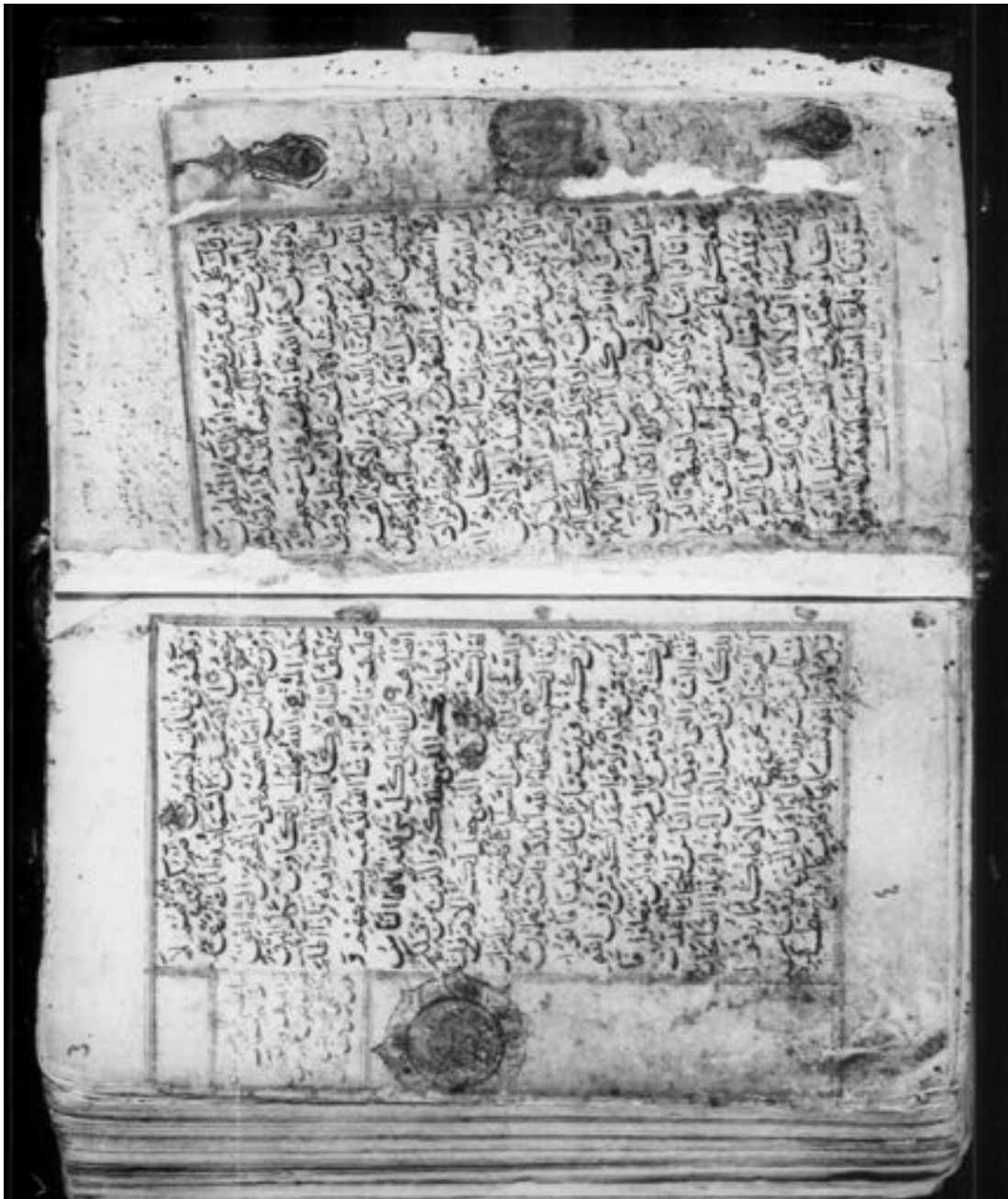


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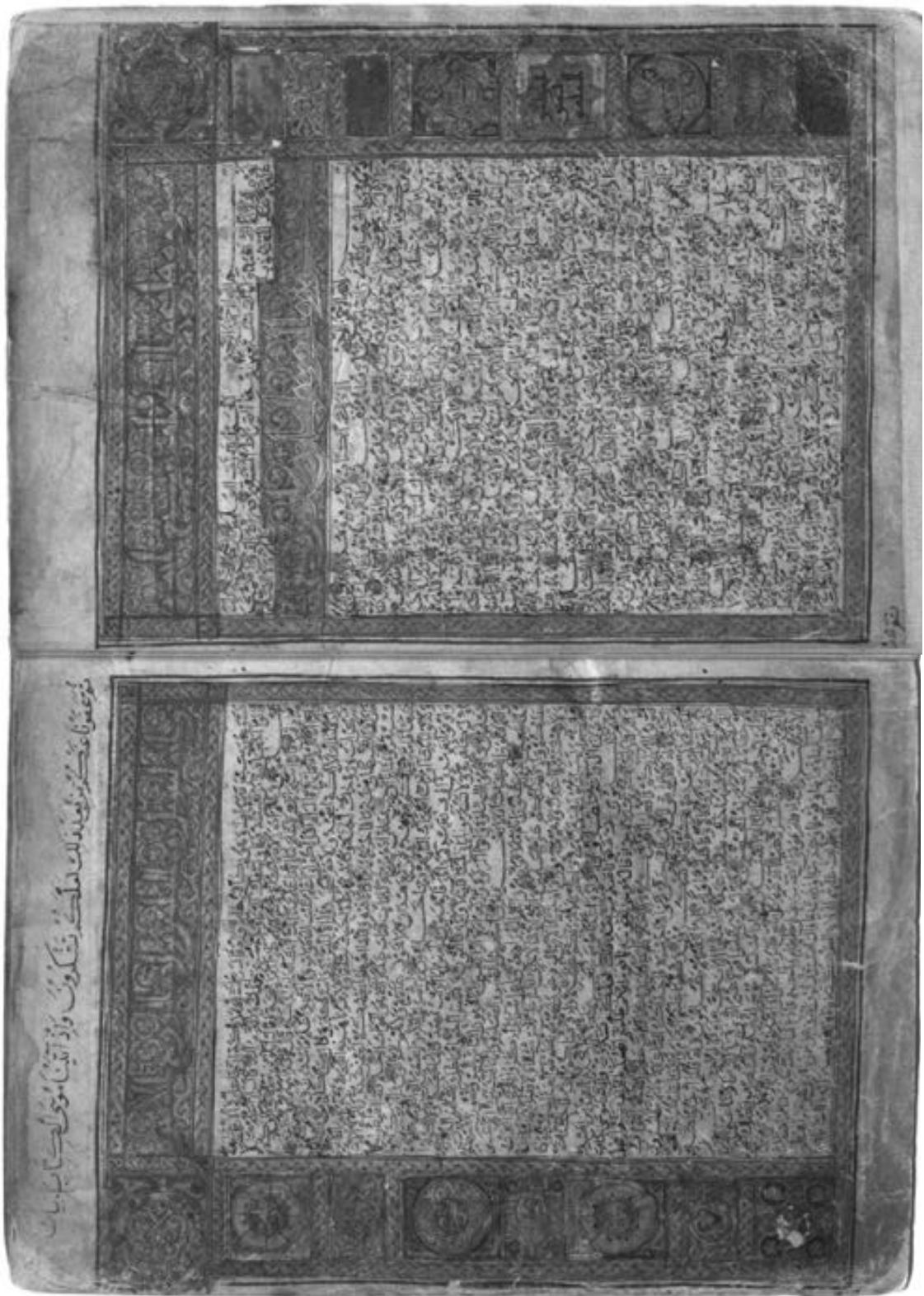
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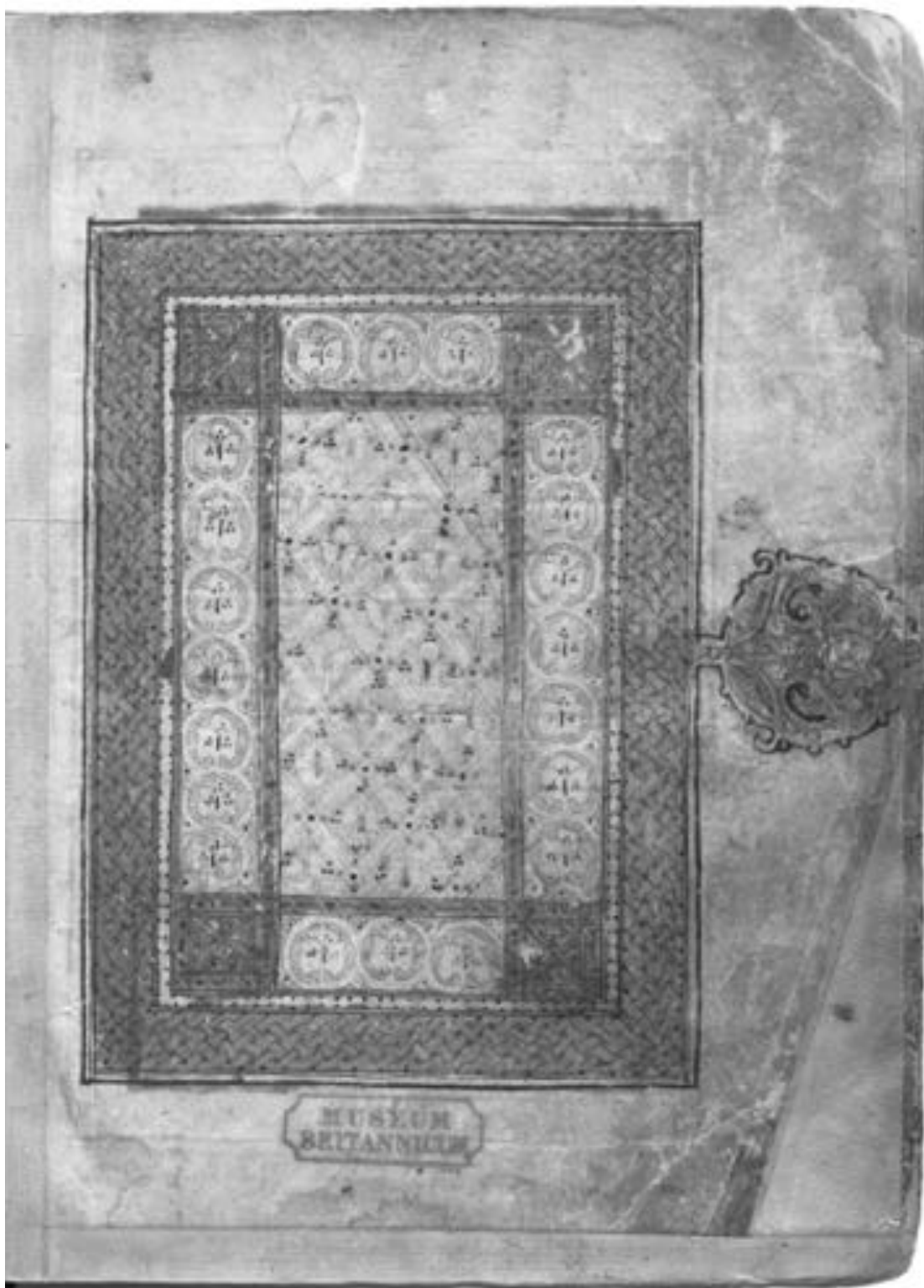


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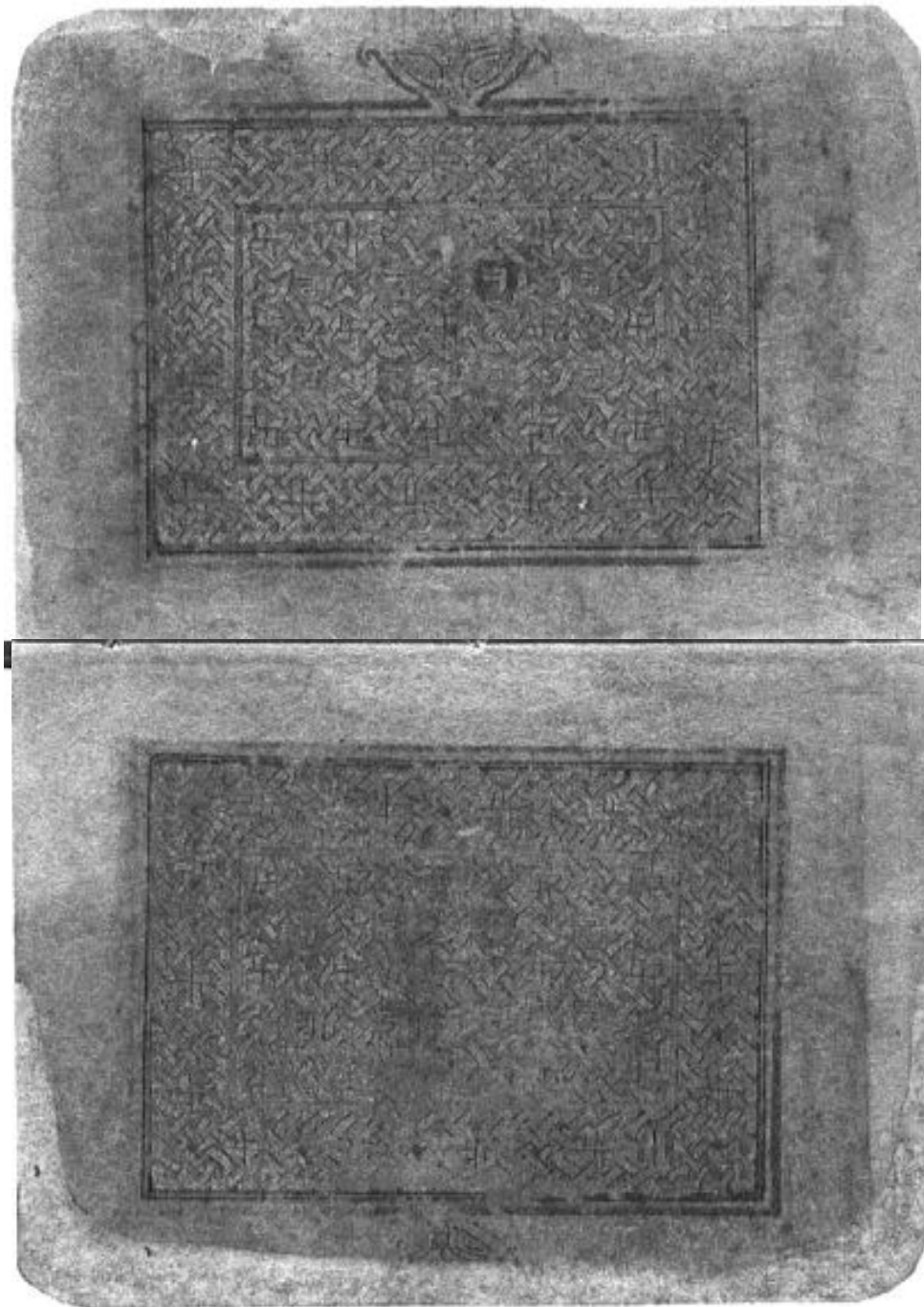
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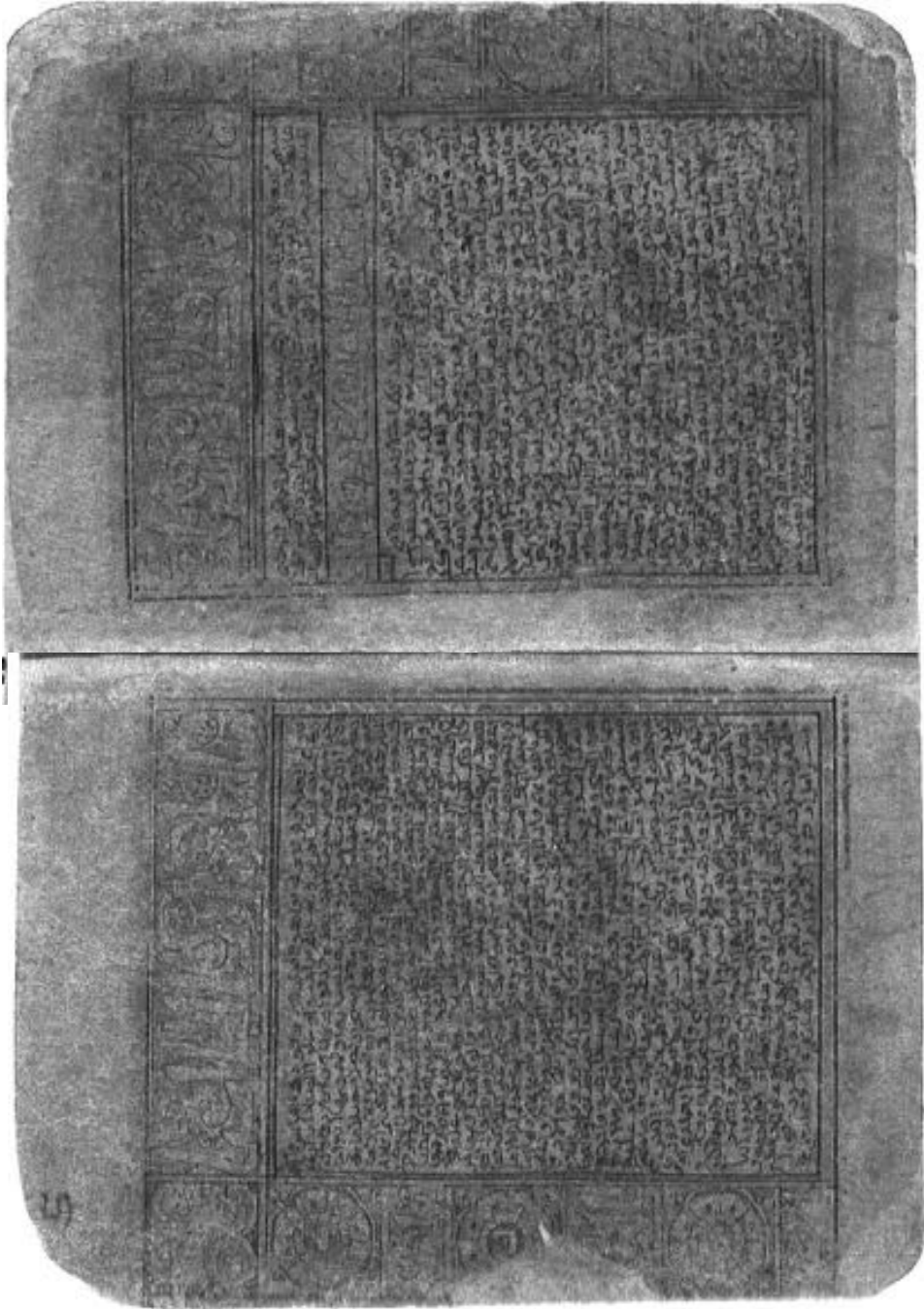
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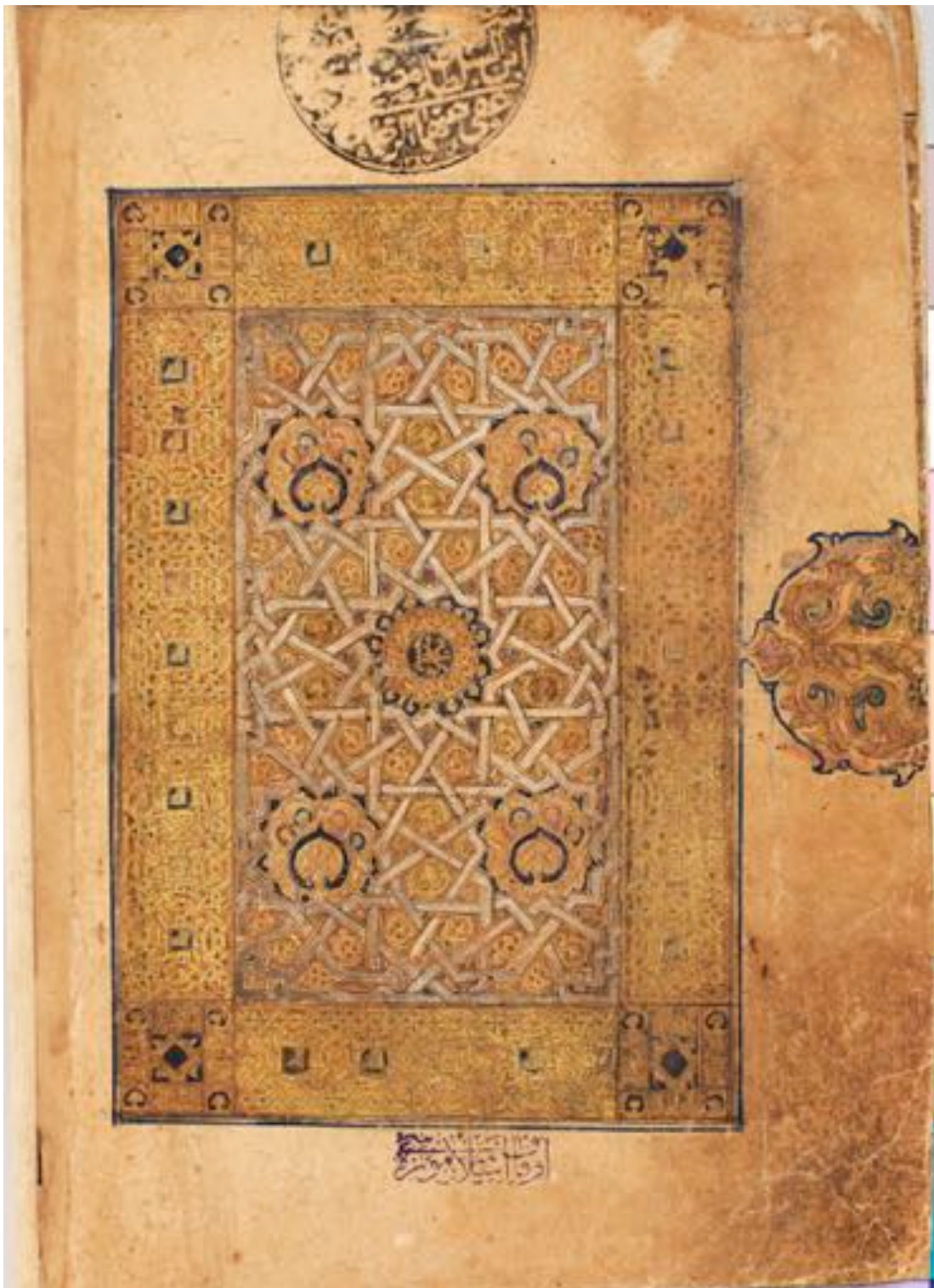
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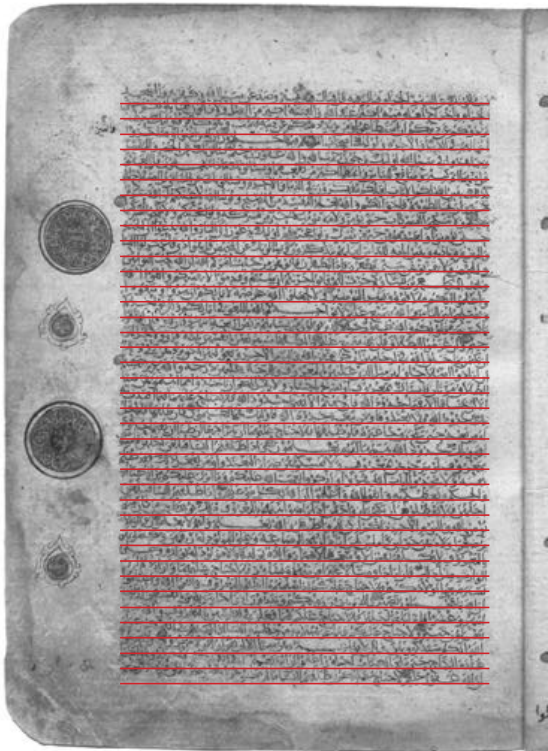


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كَيْدِيْنَ اَنْطَلِقُوا الرِّمَاقَ بِهٖ رُكَّ دِيُونِ اَنْطَلِقُوا الْوَيْطَلِ دِيُونِ اَنْطَلِقُوا
مِنْ اللِّبْتِ اَنْطَلِقُوا مِنْ بَشَرِكَا الْوَيْطَلِ كَابَةِ حَمَالَاتِ صَهْرُو دِيُونِ اَنْطَلِقُوا
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A.



B.

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A.



B.



C.

مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي ذَلِكَ لآيَةٌ وَمَا كَانَ أَكْثَرَهُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ **وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ**
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A.

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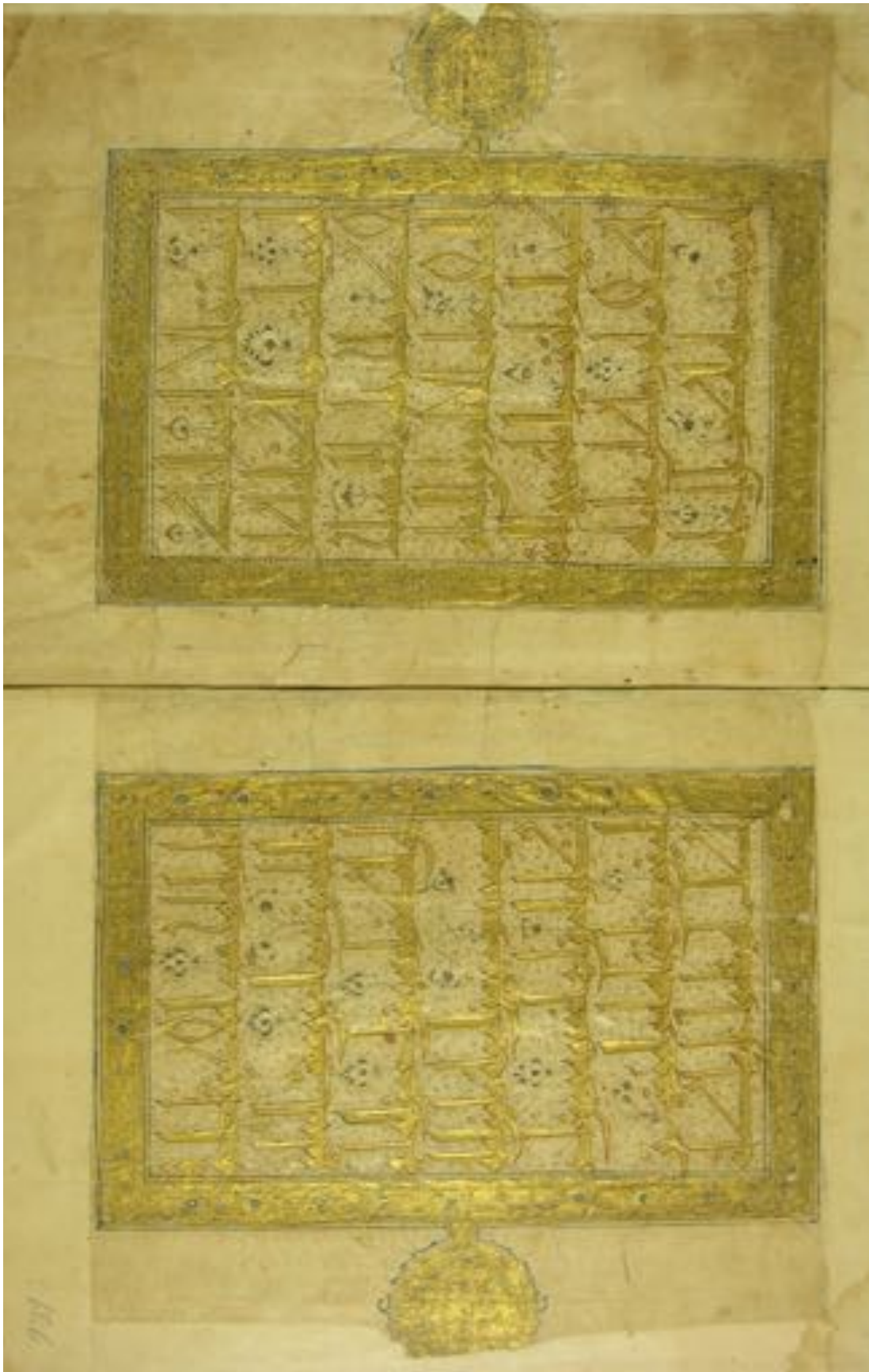
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أَعْلَيْتُمْ الْعَالَمِينَ فَأَتَوْا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا رَسُولَهُ فَذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ لَبِيبٌ عَلِيمٌ
قَالَ وَمَا عَلِمْتُمْ بِيَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ الْعَمَلُ إِن كُنْتُمْ حَسِبْتُمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِذُنُوبِكُمْ وَمَا
أَتَا بِطَائِفَةٍ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ نَادَى مُوسَى الْوَالِدِينَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِأَن يُؤْتُوا نِعْمَتَ
الرَّحْمَنِ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا يُؤْتِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ غَيْرِ حِسَابٍ وَتَذَكَّرُوا فِيهَا وَبَدَّلُوا بِحَسْبِهِمْ

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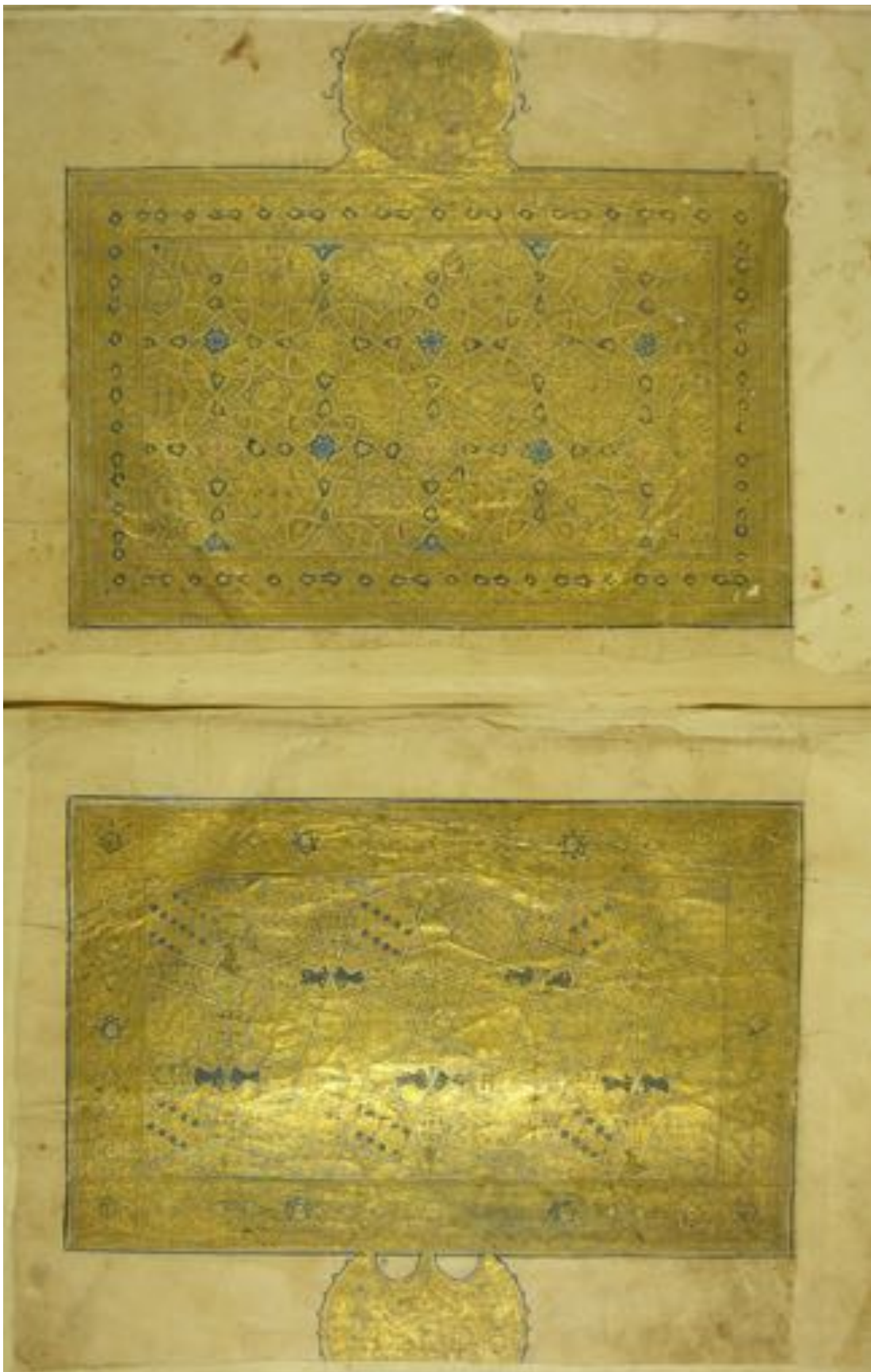
I.
Colophon of the eighth volume from Sultan Ibrāhīm's Qur'an (fols-238v-239r), Ghazna?,
484/1091, Topkapı Sarayı Library, EH 209, 34 x 24.5 cm.



II.
Verso of the colophon of Sultan Ibrāhīm's Qur'an (fol. 239v), Ghazna?, 484/1091, TKS EH 209, 34 x 24.5 cm.



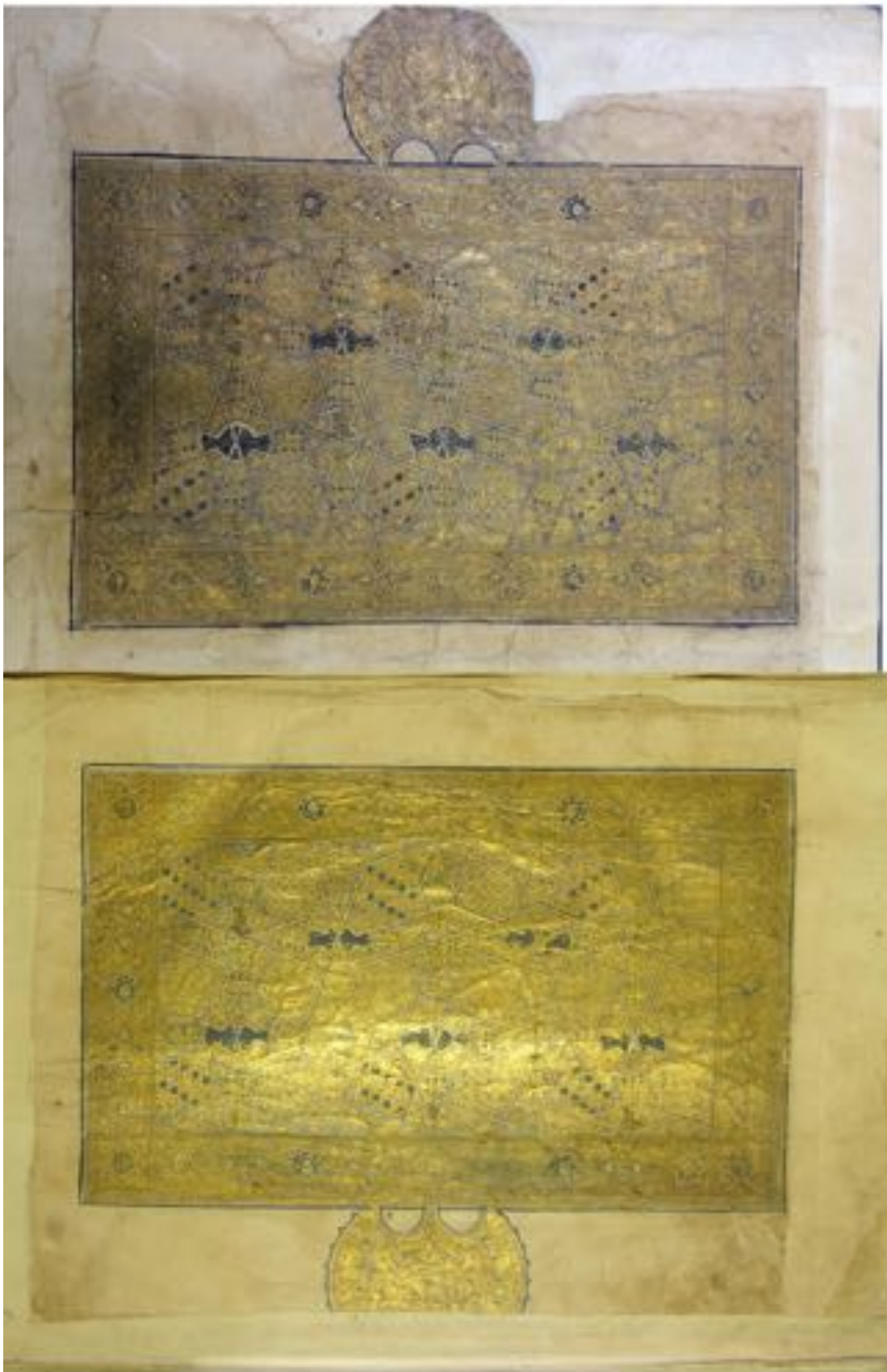
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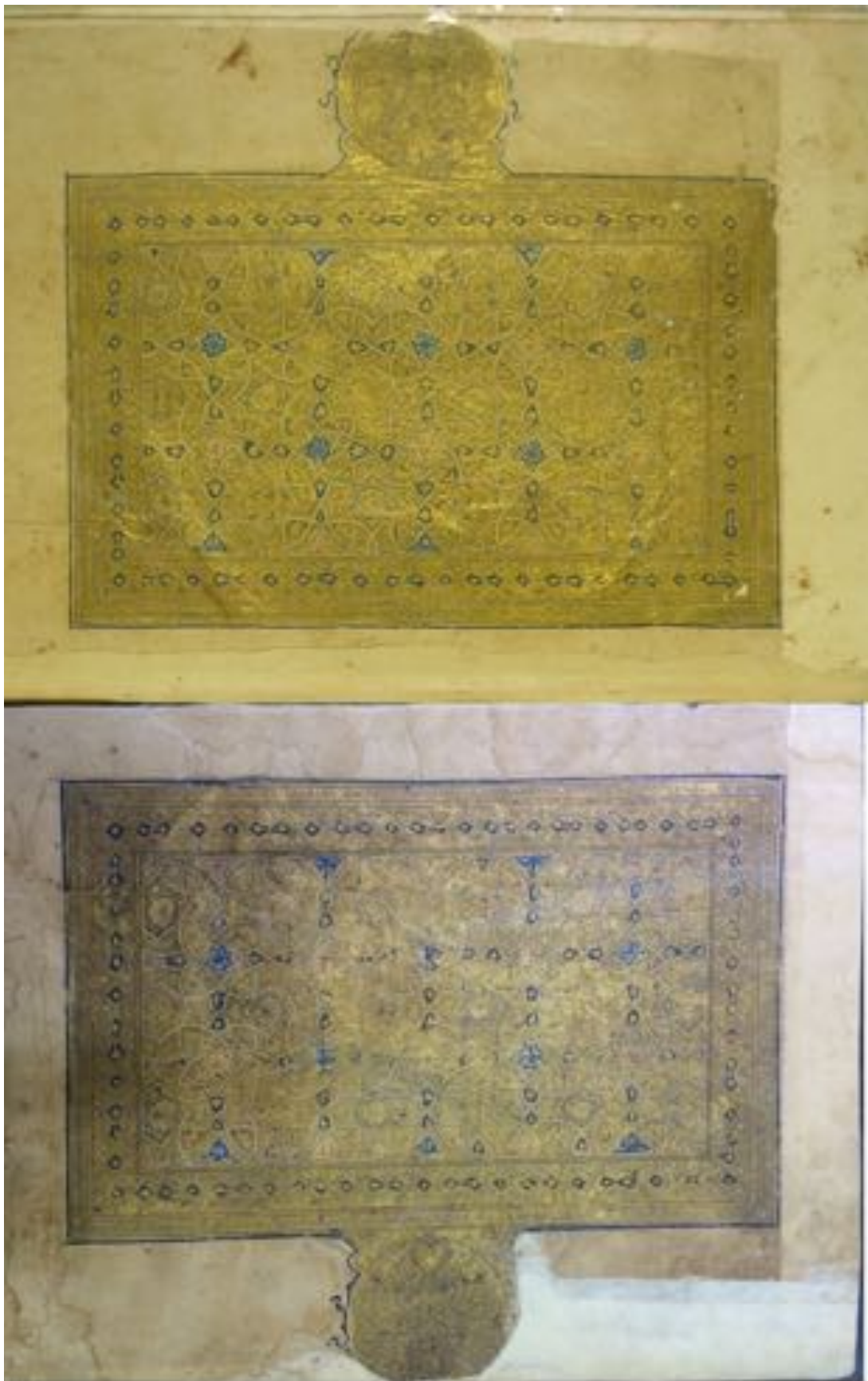
IV.
Frontispiece of the eighth volume from Sultan Ibrāhīm's Qur'an (fols. 2v-3r), Ghazna?,
484/1091, TKS EH 209, 34 x 24.5 cm.



V.
The recto (left) and verso (right) of the Sotheby's folio from Sultan Ibrāhīm's Qur'an, Ghazna?, 484/1091, Sotheby's Lot 1, 20 April 2016, 30.2 x 23.8 cm.



VI.
The original (reconstructed) frontispiece from Sultan Ibrāhīm's Qur'an, Ghazna?, 484/1091.
Left: TKS EH 209 (fol. 3r); Right: Verso of Sotheby's Lot 1, 20 April 2016.



VII.
The second original frontispiece (reconstructed) from Sultan Ibrāhīm's Qur'an, Ghazna?, 484/1091. Left: Recto of Sotheby's Lot 1, 20 April 2016; Right: TKS EH 209 (fol. 2v).

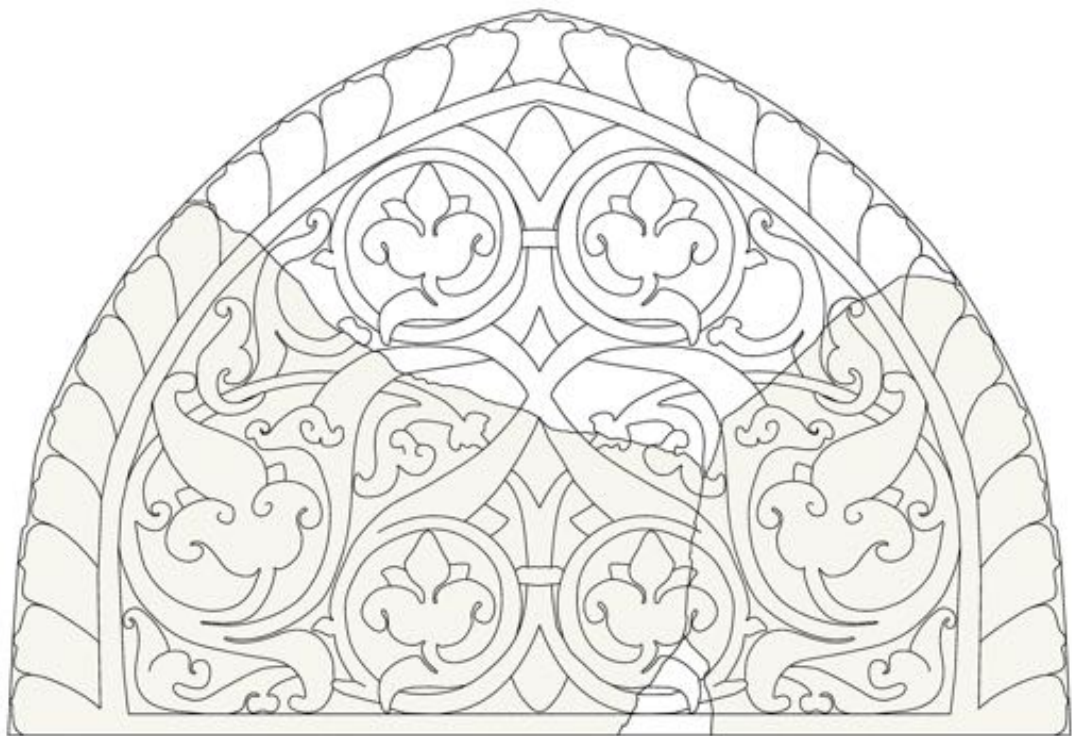


VIII.

First double-page spread with Qur'anic text from the eighth volume of Sultan Ibrāhīm's Qur'an (fols. 3v-6r), Ghazna?, 484/1091, TKS EH 209, 34 x 24.5 cm.



IX.
 Last double-page spread with Qur'anic text from the eighth volume of Sultan Ibrāhīm's Qur'an (fols. 237v-238r), Ghazna?, 484/1091, TKS EH 209, 34 x 24.5 cm.



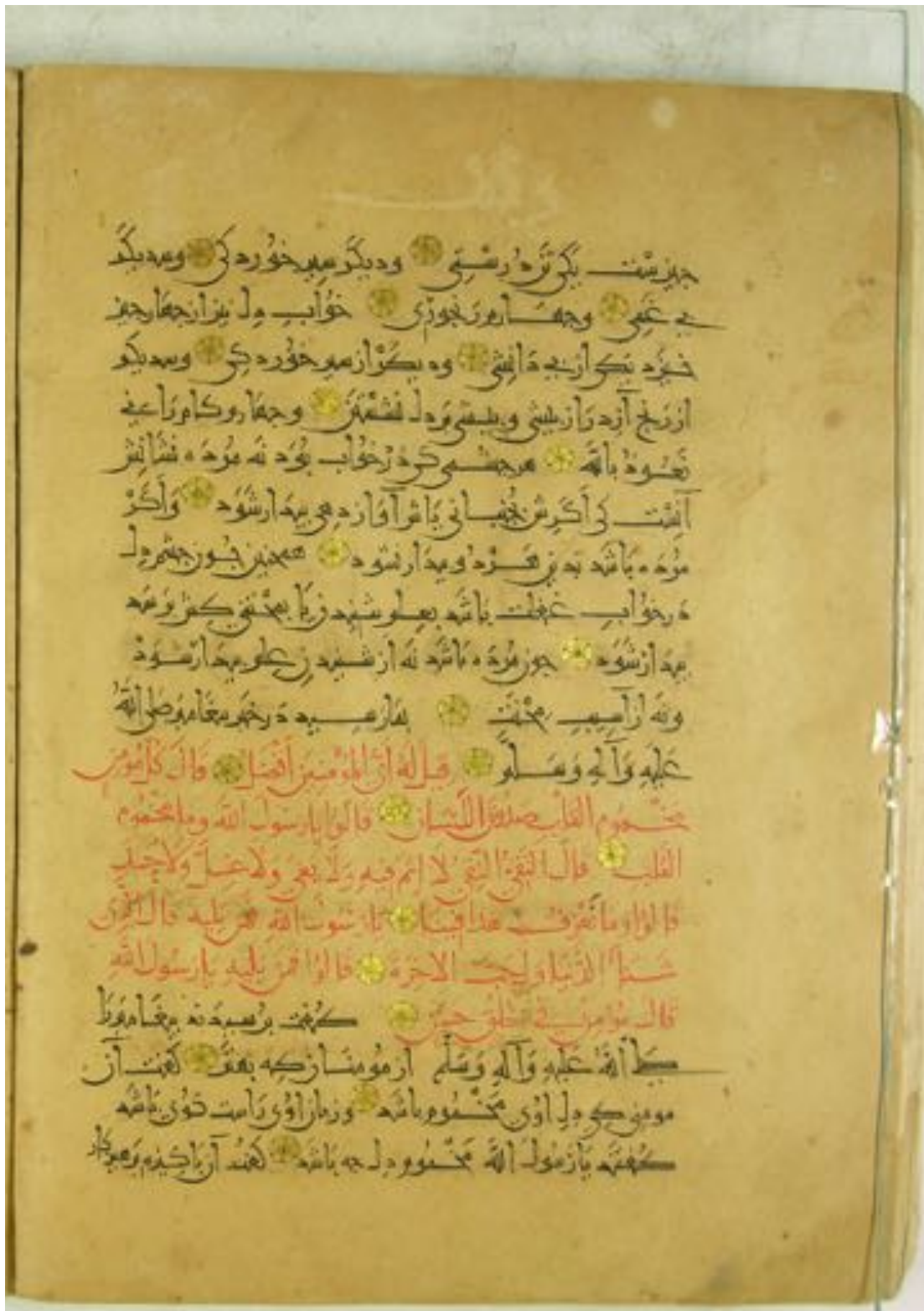
X.
Arched marble panel excavated from Ghazna (IG0149b), 5th/11th-6th/12th century, drawn by the Italian Archaeological Mission in Afghanistan (IAMA).



XI.
Marble panel from the throne room of the palace of Mas°ud III (r. 492/1098-508/1114)
(C2891). [Photo from IAMA archive].



XIII. A double-page spread akin to a calligraphic specimen from the eighth volume of Sultan Ibrāhīm's Qur'an (fols. 70v-71r), Ghazna?, 484/1091, TKS EH 209, 34 x 24.5 cm.



XIV.

The use of NSIII and RS-naskh in the eighth volume of Sultan Ibrāhīm's Qur'an (fol. 52v), Ghazna?, 484/1091, TKS EH 209, 34 x 24.5 cm.



XV.

A double-page spread from the British Library's Qur'an (fols. 210v-211r), Ghazna?, 5th/11th-6th/12th century, The British Library, Or. 6573, 33.5 x 26.5 cm.

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي
 أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً
 فَجَاءَتْ بِهِ ظُلُمَاتٌ لَيْلٍ
 مُبِينَةٌ وَأَنْزَلَ مِنَ
 السَّمَاءِ الْغُرُوقَ الْمُنِيرَ



از میان مکانی که از کتب قرآنیست
 مرالبعث است و شما بگویم این را در دید
 از آنکه درین میزور راست میسر است
 اولاد الحود بنکرید تا اینجا
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XVI.
 A folio from the British Library's Qur'an (fol. 131r), Ghazna?, 5th/11th-6th/12th century, BL
 Or. 6573, 33.5 x 26.5 cm.

هُوَ عَلِيٌّ فَرَزَنْدِ مَدَدِ اَفْرِيدَنْ بِرَمَنْ اَسَانَسْتِ وَلِتَجْعَلَهُ اَيَّةً
 لِلنَّاسِ اِيَّ يَدْرِشْ بِاَفْرِيدَنْ نَا اَوْ اَنْشَانِ كِرُو اَنْزِ بِرِ قَدْرَتِ خَوِيَشِ
 مَرْوَبِي اِسْرَائِيلَ رَا وَرَحْمَةً مَنَا وَ اَنْ اَرْمَارِ حَمِي مَيُودِ مَرَا نَكْسَهَا رَا كِه
 بَدُو بَكْرُو نَدِ وَ كَمَا اِنْ اَمْرًا مَقْضِيَا وَ اَنْ كَارِي بُوَدِ نِي وَ قَضَائِي بُوَدِ
 رَفْتَهَ اَنْدَرِ لَوْحِ مَحْفُوظِ كِه اِنْ مَرْوَبِي سِرِّي اَيْدِ وَ بَدْرِ بِي بُوَدِ اَنْ
 قَضَا جَانْدِ حَدَائِي عَزْرُو جَلِ خَوَاسْتِ حَبْرِ بِلِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامِ اِسْتِزْمَرْ بِرَا
 بَكْرَتِ وَ بَدِ مَيَدَا اَنْدَرُو نِي بَعْضِي كَفْتَنْدَا اَنْدَرِ حَيْثُ بِلِشْ بَدِ مَيَدِ كِه دَمِي دَرِ
 اَوْ قَامَرِ شَدَا عَيْسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامِ اَنْدَرِ شَدِ مَرَا زِي دِي اَمْدِ جَانْدِ خَدَا وَ نَدِ
 كَفْتِ

فَخَلَقْنَا لَهُمْ مَا يَشَاءُونَ فِي الدُّنْيَا

هُوَ اِيَّ بَا اَرْكَفْتِ مَرْوَبِي عَيْسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامِ بَعْضِي كَفْتَنْدَا هَمِي كِه بَا اَرْكَفْتِ
 دَرْ وُتْ بِي رُونِ رَفْتِ اَرْ مَيَا زِ قَوْمِ تَابِيَا رِي بَهْدَا بَعْضِي كَفْتَنْدَا جَوِزِ بَا اَرْشِ
 بَدِيْدِ اَمْدِ وَ هَشْتِ مَاهِ بَرِ كَدْرَتِ فَا نَسَبَدَتِ بَهْ جَدَا اِيَرْ كَفْتِ مَرْوَبِي
 رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا بَا بَارِ حَوِيَشِ اَرْ قَوْمِ حَوِيَشِ اِيَّ كِه اَرْ مَيَا اِسْتِزْمَرْ بِرُونِ
 رَفْتِ مَكَانًا قَضِيَا بَعَا اِيَرْ دَرْ كِه مَرَا اِسْتِزْمَرْ بِرِيْدِ

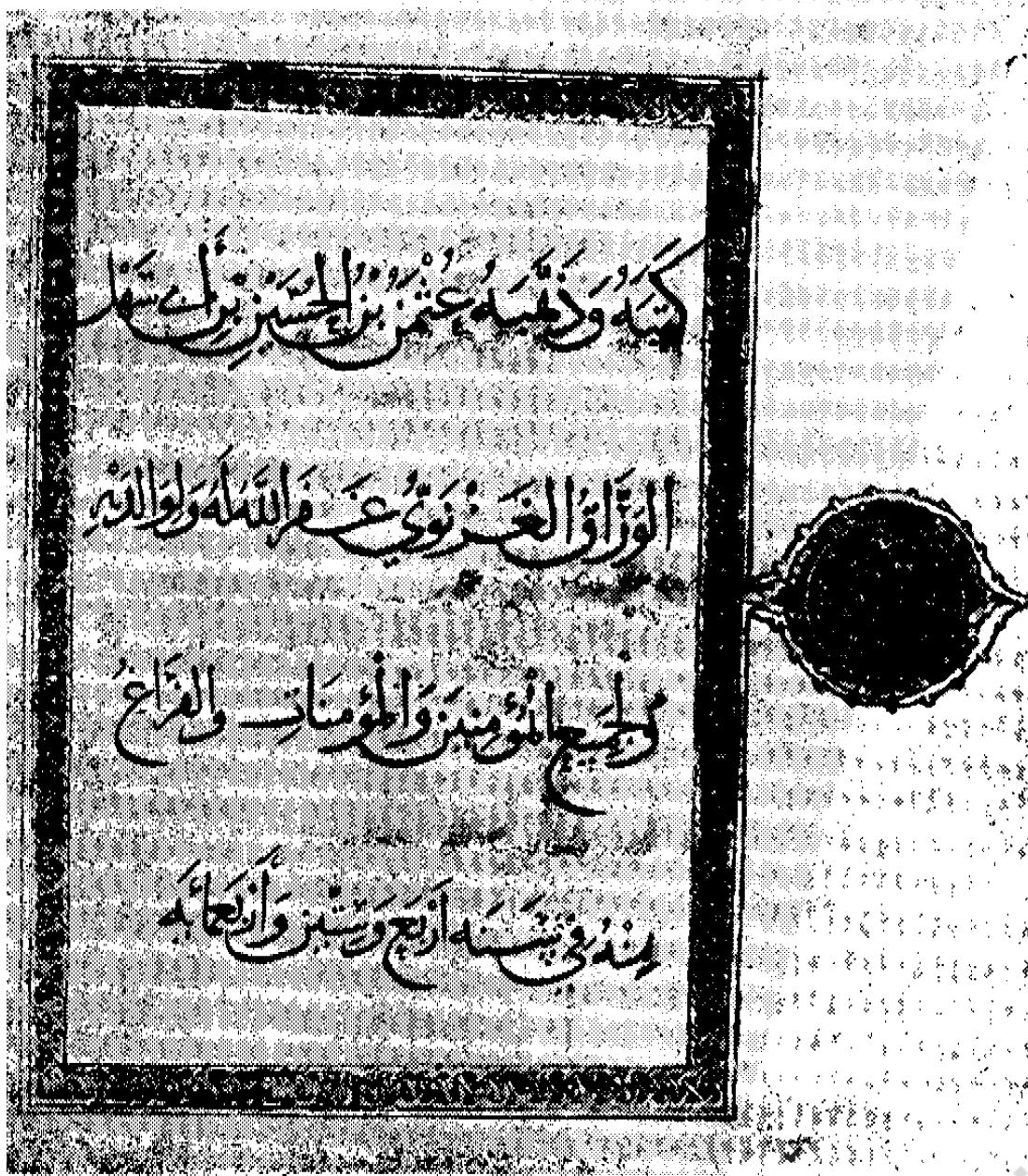
فَمَا لَهُمْ شَكَرُ

وَ كَلَامُ مَرْوَبِي
 كَفْتِ حَوَا جُو اَمَامِ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ بِيَا زِ سَيِدِ اَرْ وَ هَبِ بِنِ مَنَدَهْ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ
 كِي حَوْنِ حَبْرِ بِلِ لِيَهْ اَلْسَلَامِ خَوِيَشْتِنِ مَرْوَبِي هُوَدِ وَ وِي اَرْ اَفْرِيدَنْدِ بَشَارَتِ
 دَا دِ جِيْبِ وَ وِي اَرْ اِسْتِزْمَرْ بِرِ خُوْدِ كَشِيْدِ وَ اَنْدَرِ جِيْبِ وَ وِي بَرِ مَيَدِ دَرْ سَاعَتِ
 عَيْسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامِ بَا اَرْكَفْتِ سَسُوسِي دَرْ وُ نِي بَدِيْدَا اَمْدِ جَانْدِ اَنْ اَرْ عِبَا دَةَ



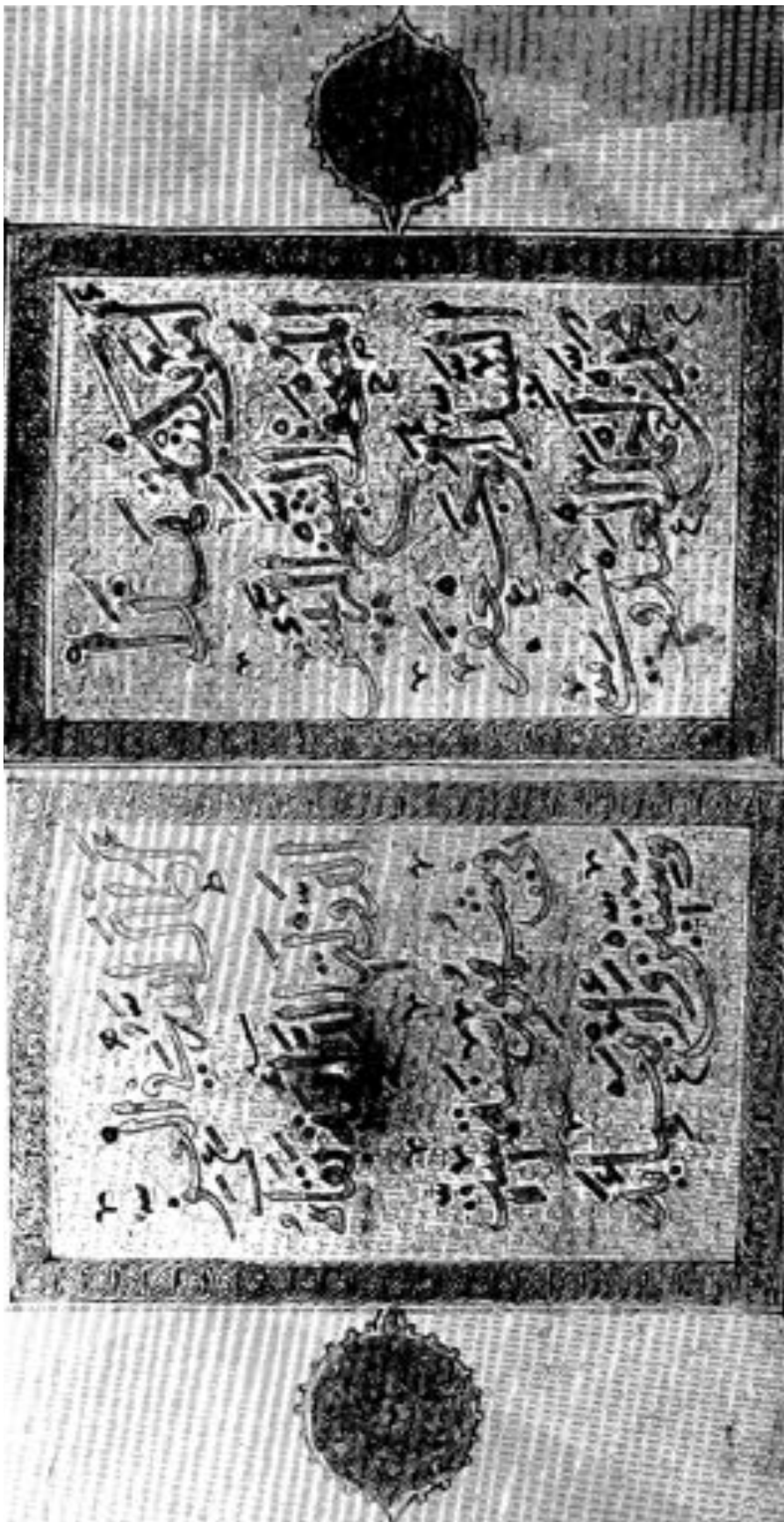
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A folio from the eighth volume of Sultan Ibrāhīm's Qur'an (fol. 111v), Ghazna?, 484/1091, TKS EH 209, 34 x 24.5 cm.



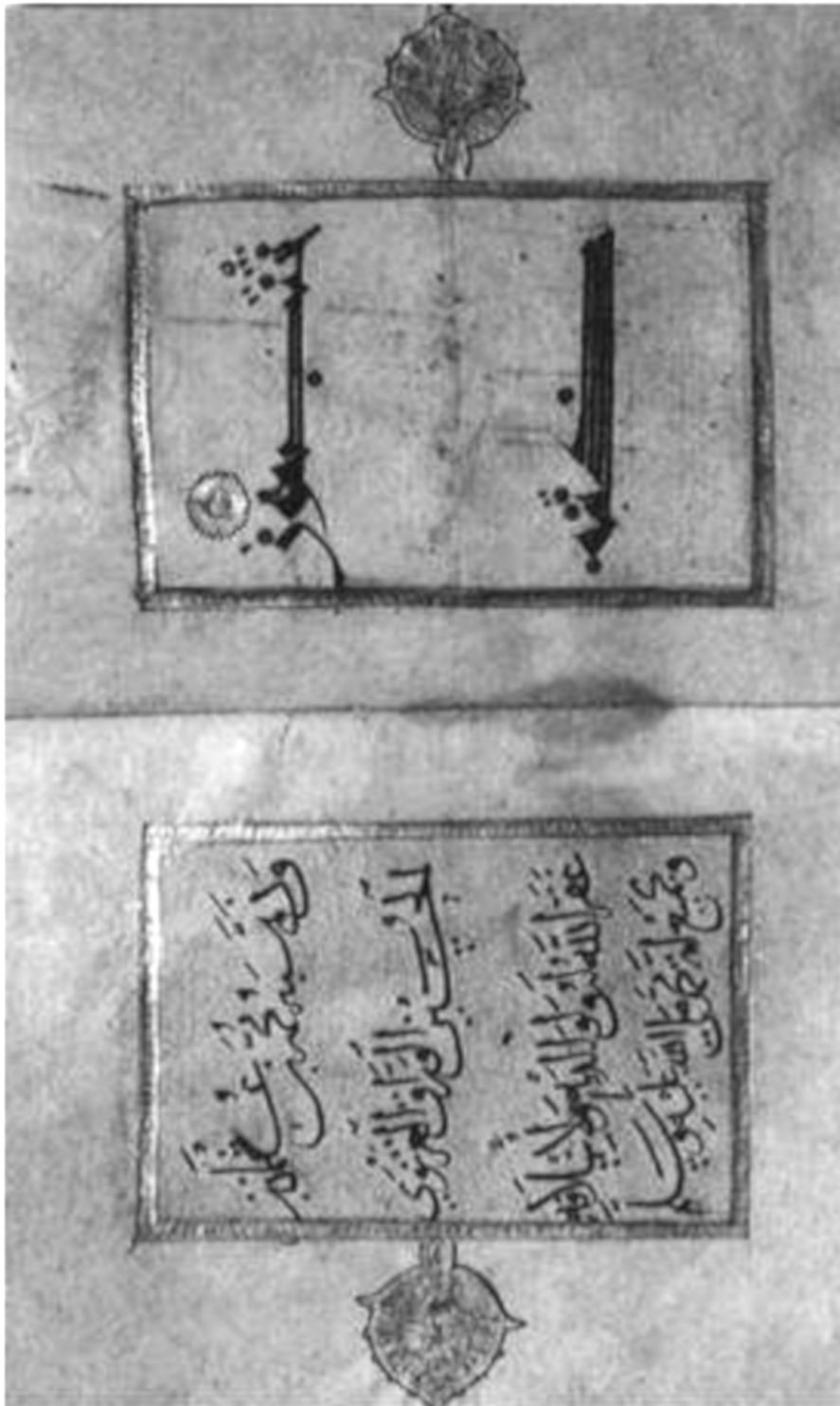
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The last folio of the fifth volume from the Qur'an of al-°Abdūsī, Ghazna or Ṭūs?, completed in 466/1073, Imam Reza Shrine Library, Ms 4316, 30 x 25 cm.



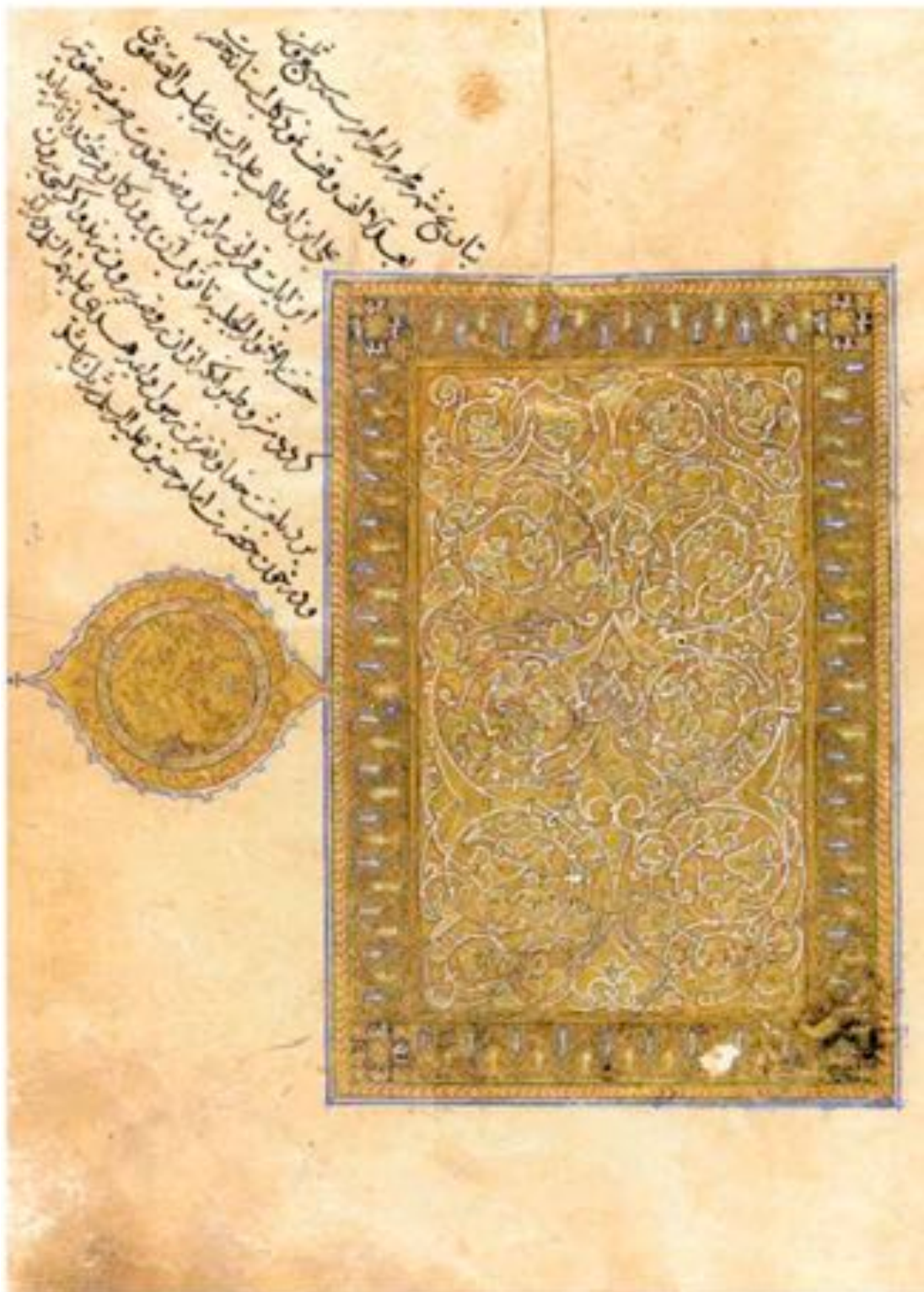
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The last double-page spread of the tenth volume from the Qur'an of al-^cAbdūsī, Ghazna or Ṭūs?, completed in 466/1073, IRSL Ms 4316, 30 x 25 cm.



XXI.

The last double-page spread of the twenty-third volume from the Qur'an of al-°Abdūsī, Ghazna or Ṭūs?, completed in 466/1073, IRSL Ms 4316, 30 x 25 cm.



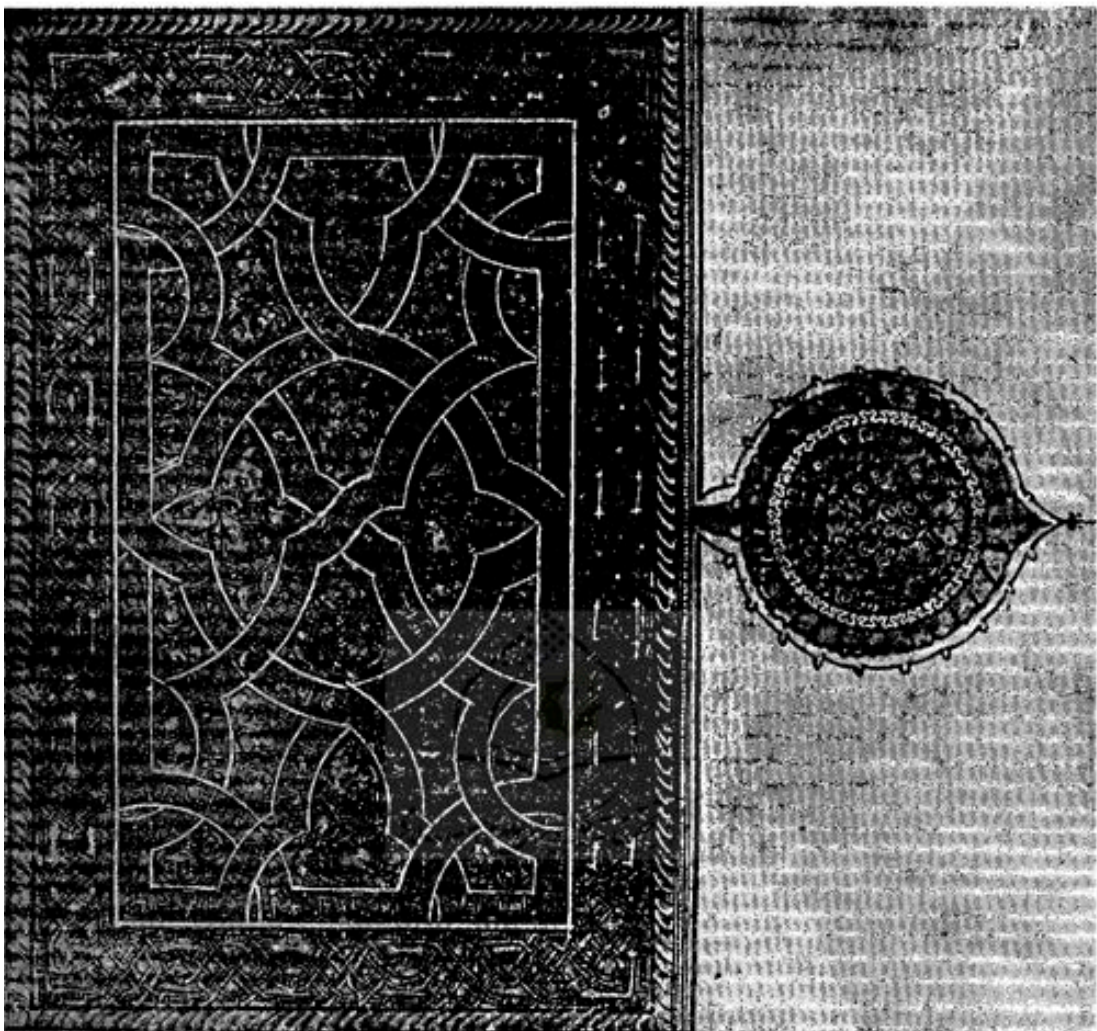
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An illuminated frontispiece at the beginning of a volume from the Qur'an of al-° Abdūsī, Ghazna or Ṭūs?, completed in 466/1073, IRSL Ms 4316, 30 x 25 cm.



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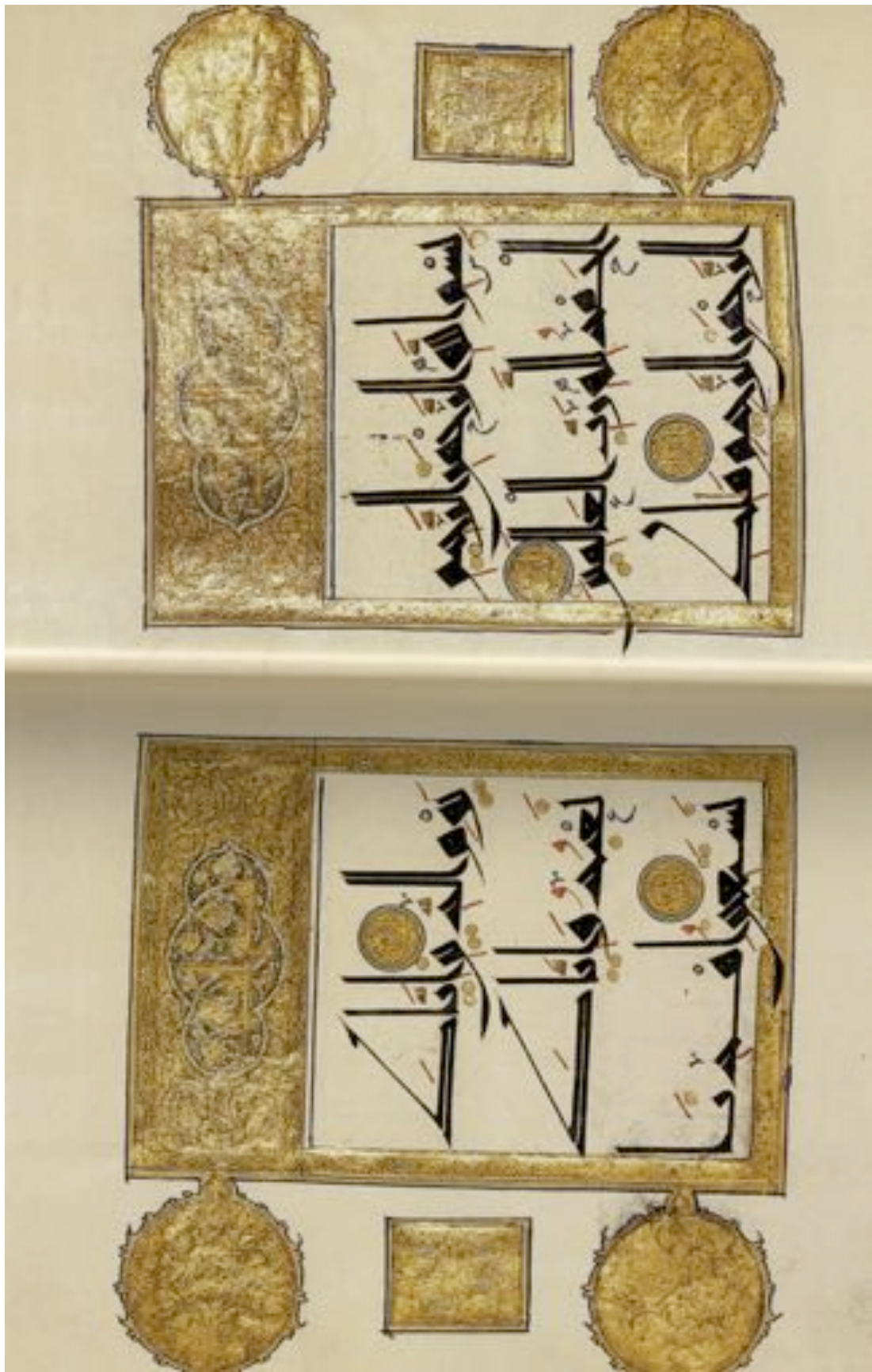
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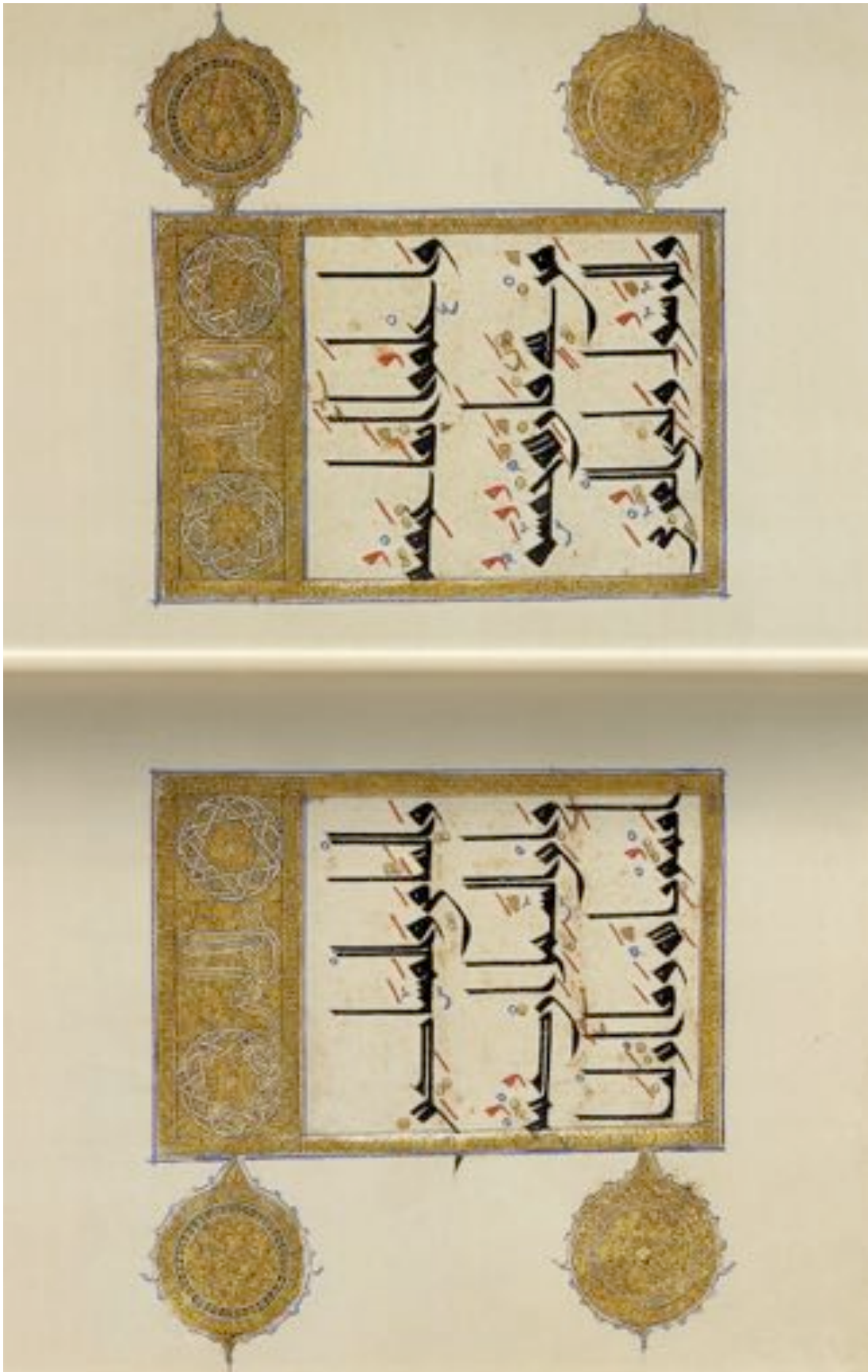
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Brass ewer inlaid with silver, copper and black compound, Khurasan, 6th/12th century, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, no. 54.64, H. 15.24 cm.



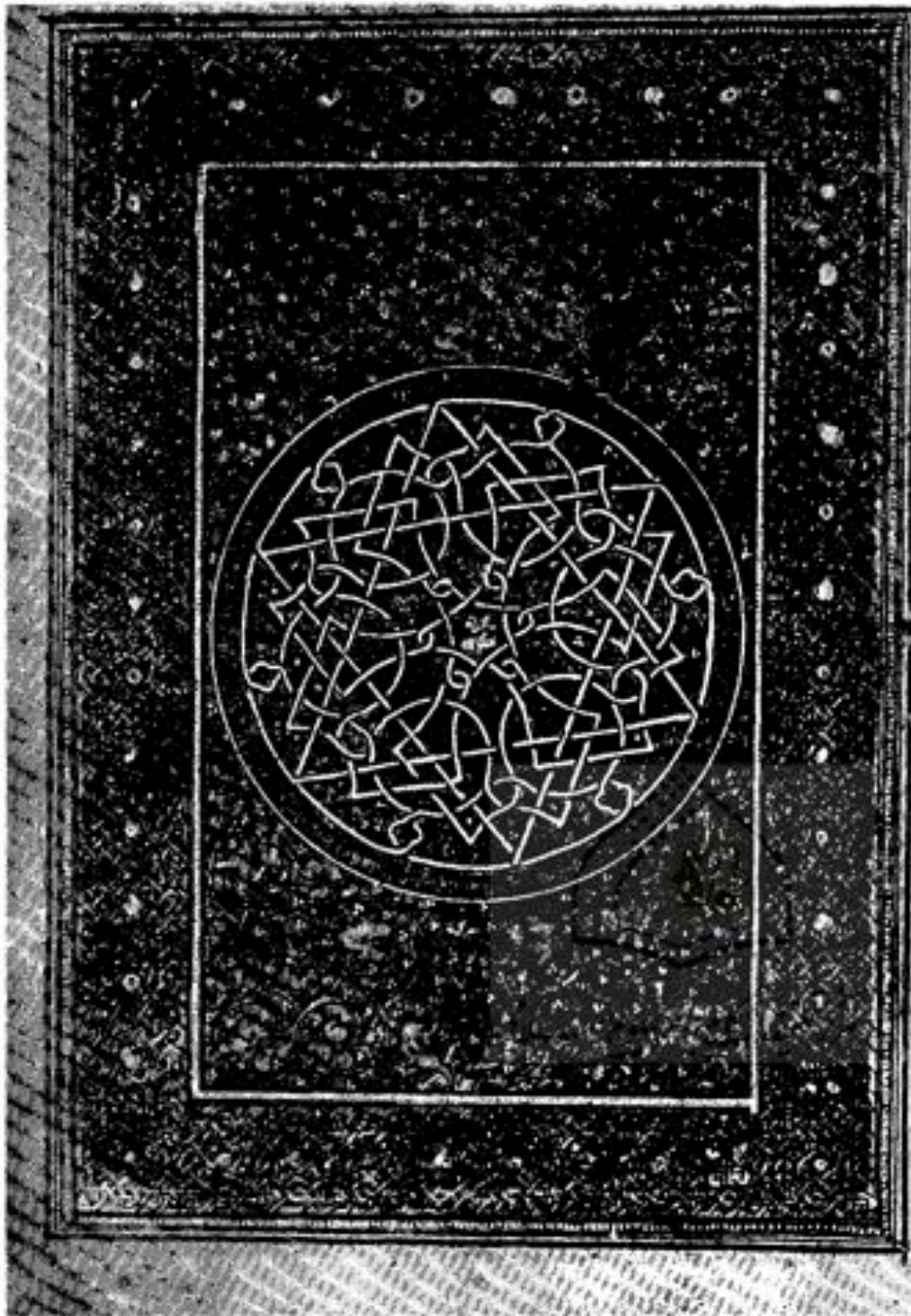
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The first double-page spread with Qur'anic text of the first volume from the Qur'an of al-°Abdūsī, Ghazna or Ṭūs?, completed in 466/1073, IRSL Ms 4316, 30 x 25 cm.



XXVII.

The first double-page spread with Qur'anic text of the tenth volume from the Qur'an of al-°Abdūsī, Ghazna or Ṭūs?, completed in 466/1073, IRSL Ms 4316, 30 x 25 cm.



XXVIII.

One illuminated finispiece from the Qur'an of al-^cAbdūsī, Ghazna or Ṭūs?, completed in 466/1073, IRSL Ms 4316, 30 x 25 cm.



XXIX.

A folio from the twenty-fourth volume, the Qur'an of al-°Abdūsī, Ghazna or Ṭūs?, completed in 466/1073, IRSL Ms 4316, 30 x 25 cm.

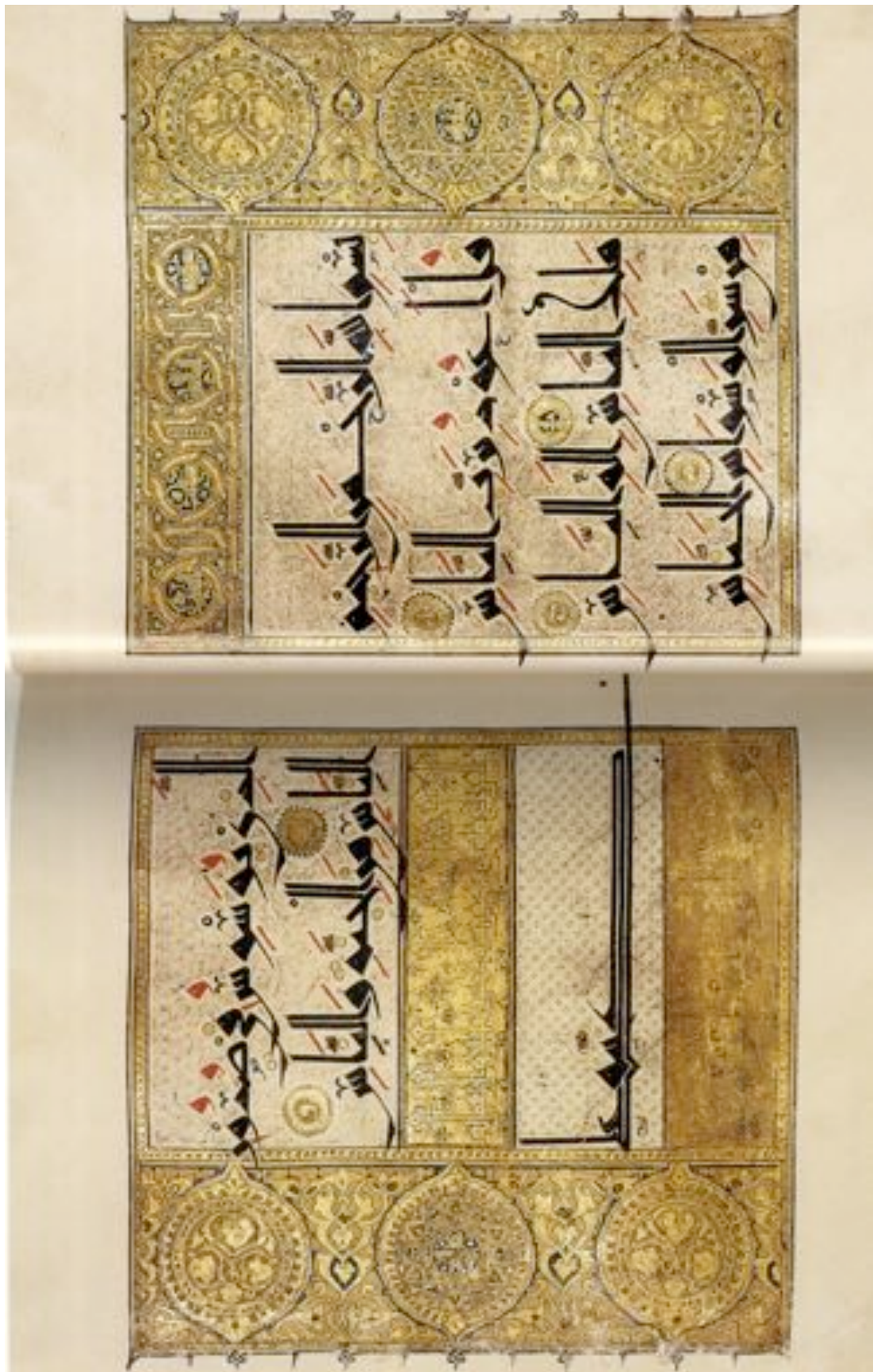


XXX.
Bronze bucket inlaid with silver and copper, Khurasan, 6th/12th or early 7th/13th century, The State Hermitage Museum, IR-1668, H. 18.8 cm.



XXXI.

The *waqf* note in a Kufic Qur'an, Mashhad, 5th/11th - 6th/12th century, Imam Reza Shrine Library, Ms 18.

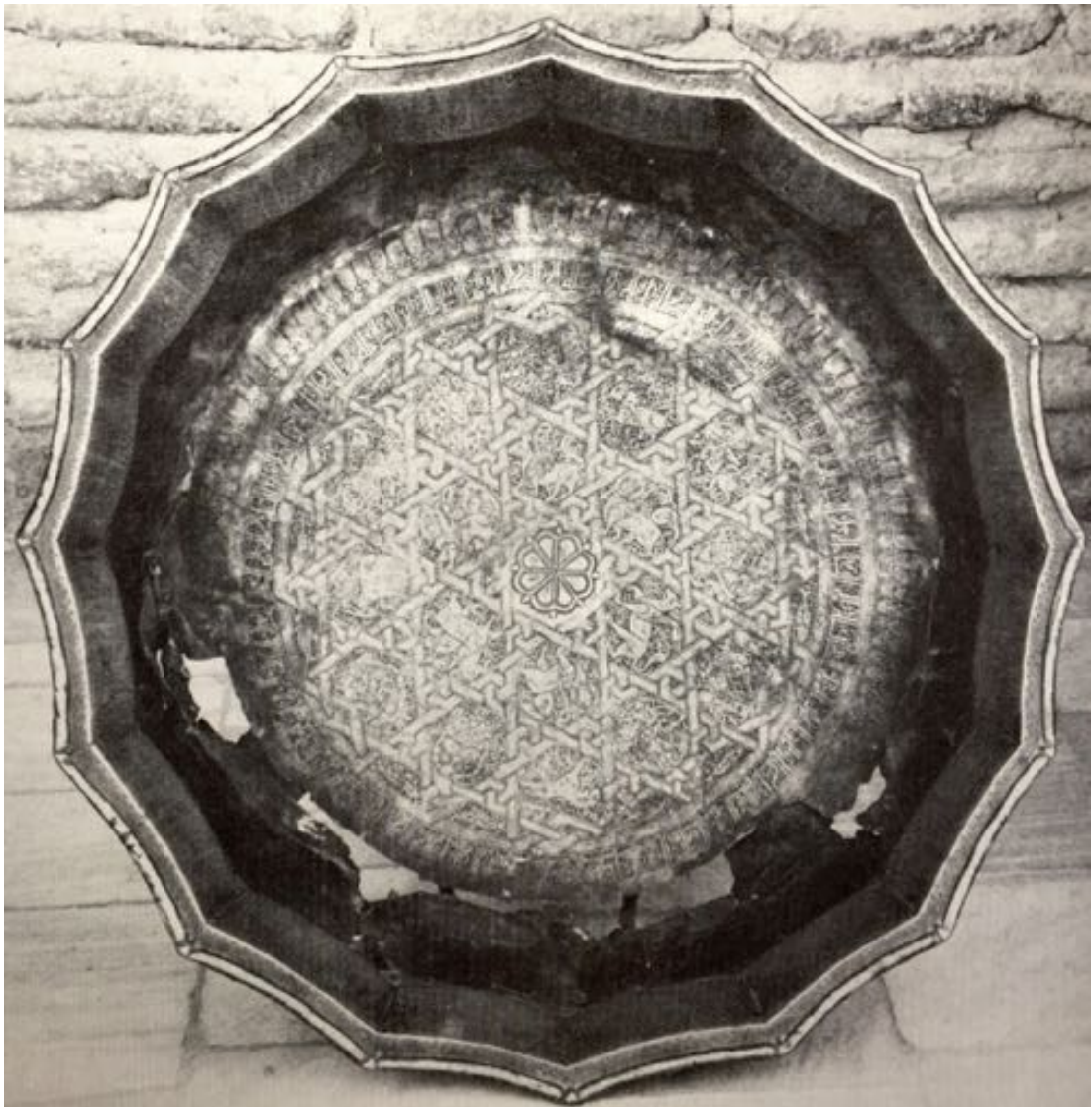


XXXII.
Colophon of °Ali's Qur'an, Ghazna, Tūs or Bust?, 485/1092, Topkapı Sarayı Library, R 14,
25.5 x 19.5 cm.



XXXIII.

The left-hand page of the eighteenth volume's frontispiece (fol. 1r), 'Ali's Qur'an, Ghazna, Tūs or Bust?', 485/1092, TKS R 14, 25.5 x 19.5 cm.



XXXIV.

Copper alloy basin engraved and inlaid with copper and silver, Khurasan, 6th/12th or early 7th/13th century, The Khalili Collection of Islamic Art, MTW 1242, 13.5 x 60 cm.



XXXV.

The left-hand page of the seventh volume's frontispiece (fol. 2r), 'Ali's Qur'an, Ghazna, Tūs or Bust?, 485/1092, the Kuwait National Museum, LNS 6 MS, 25.5 x 19.5 cm.

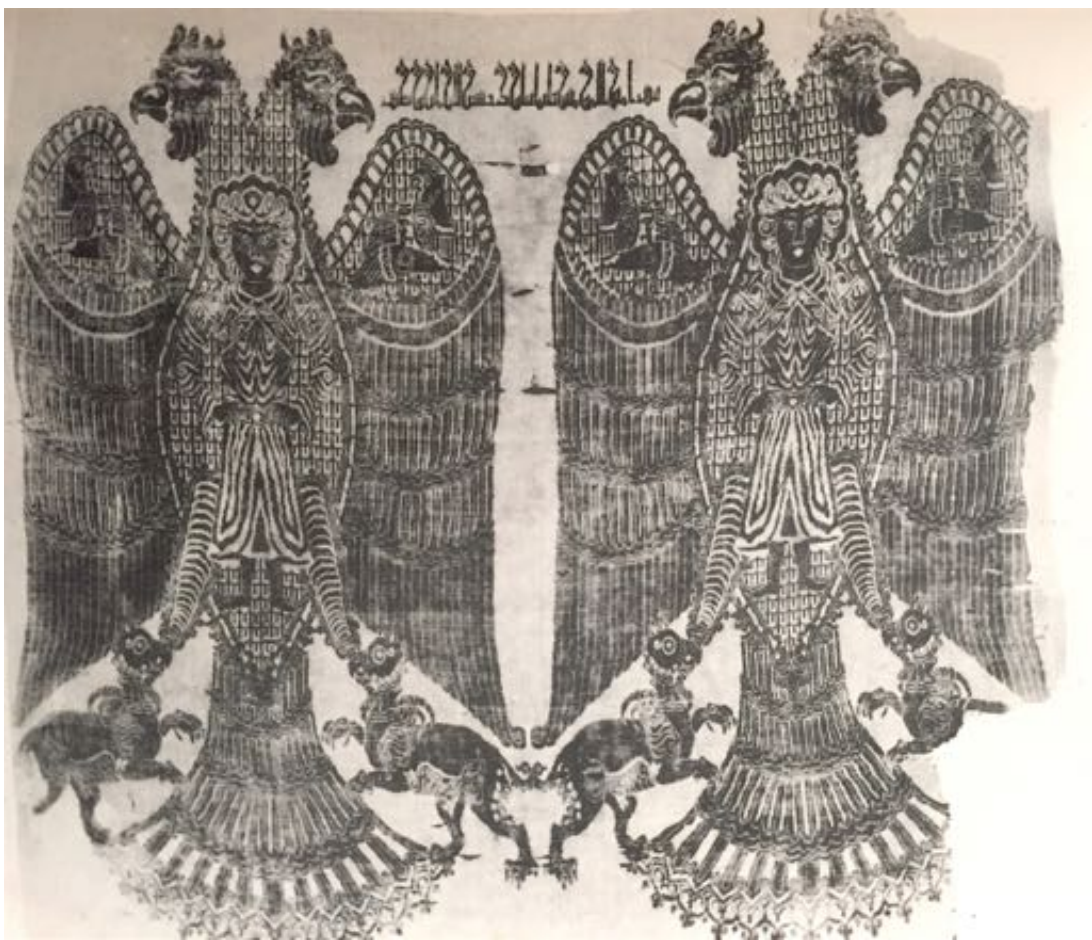
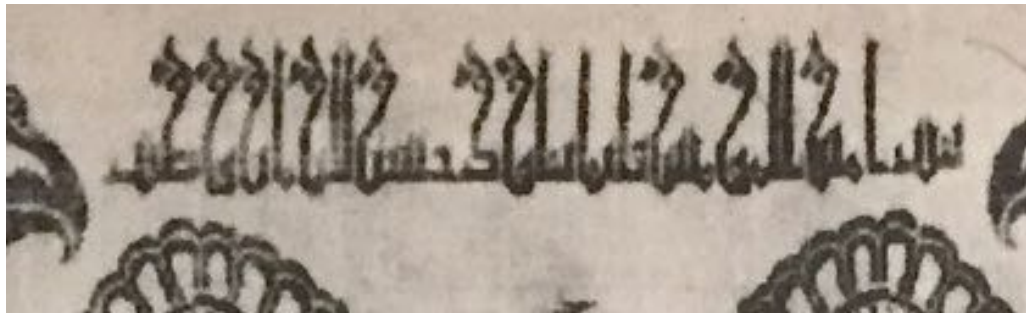


XXXVI.
Stucco decoration and epigraphic panel on the left side of a niche from the palace of Mas[°]ūd III (r. 492/1098-508/1114), Ghazna, 505/1111. [Photo after Bombaci].



XXXVII.

Dado panel from the palace of Mas'ūd III, Ghazna, 505/1111. [Photo from IAMA archive].

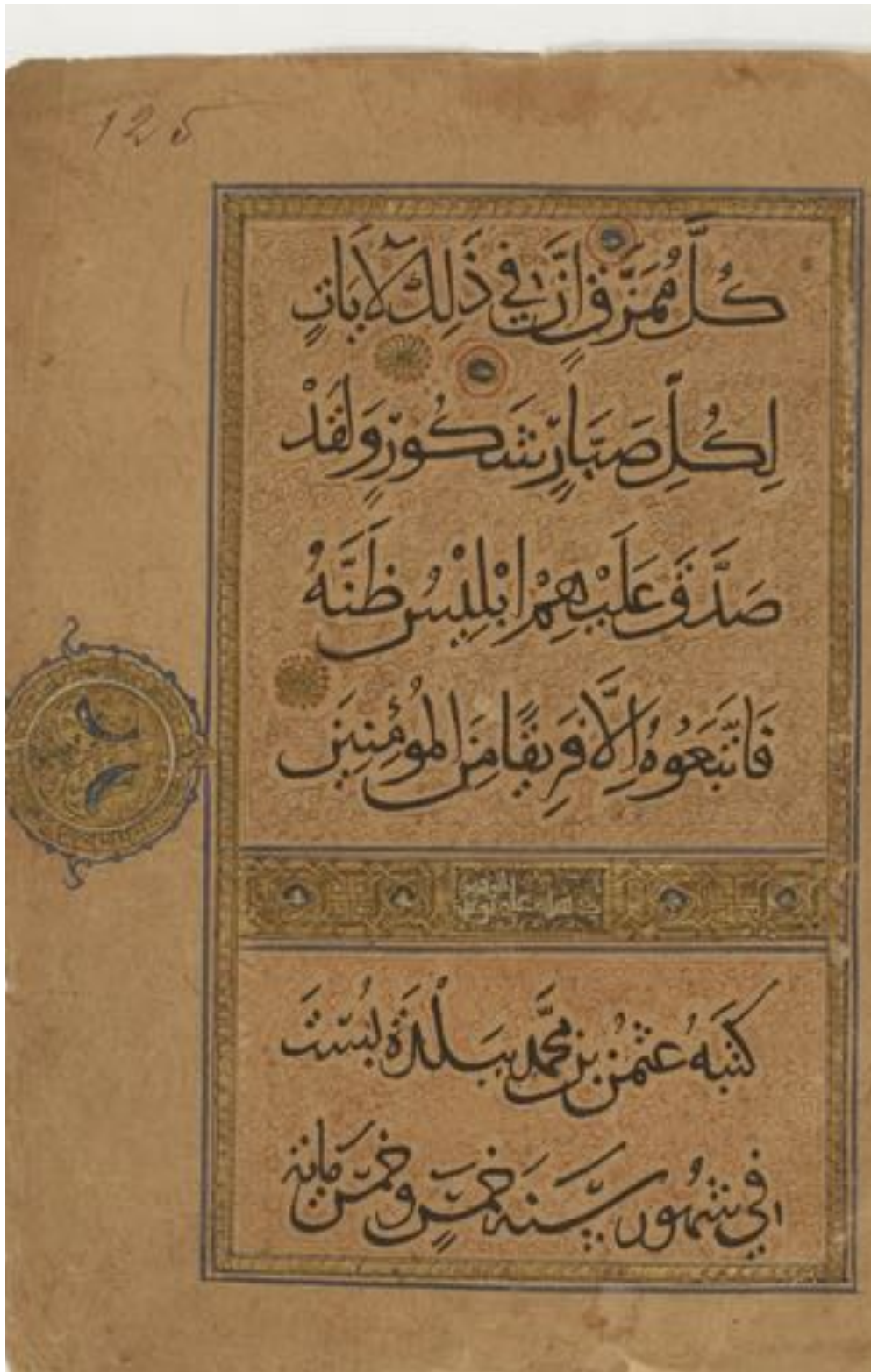


XXXVIII.
Diasper weave, silk, Iran, c. 5th/11th century, Cleveland Museum of Art, no. 62.264, 65 x 171 cm.



XXXIX.

A folio from the eighteenth volume, 'Alī's Qur'an, Ghazna, Tūs or Bust?, 485/1092, TKS R 14, 25.5 x 19.5 cm.



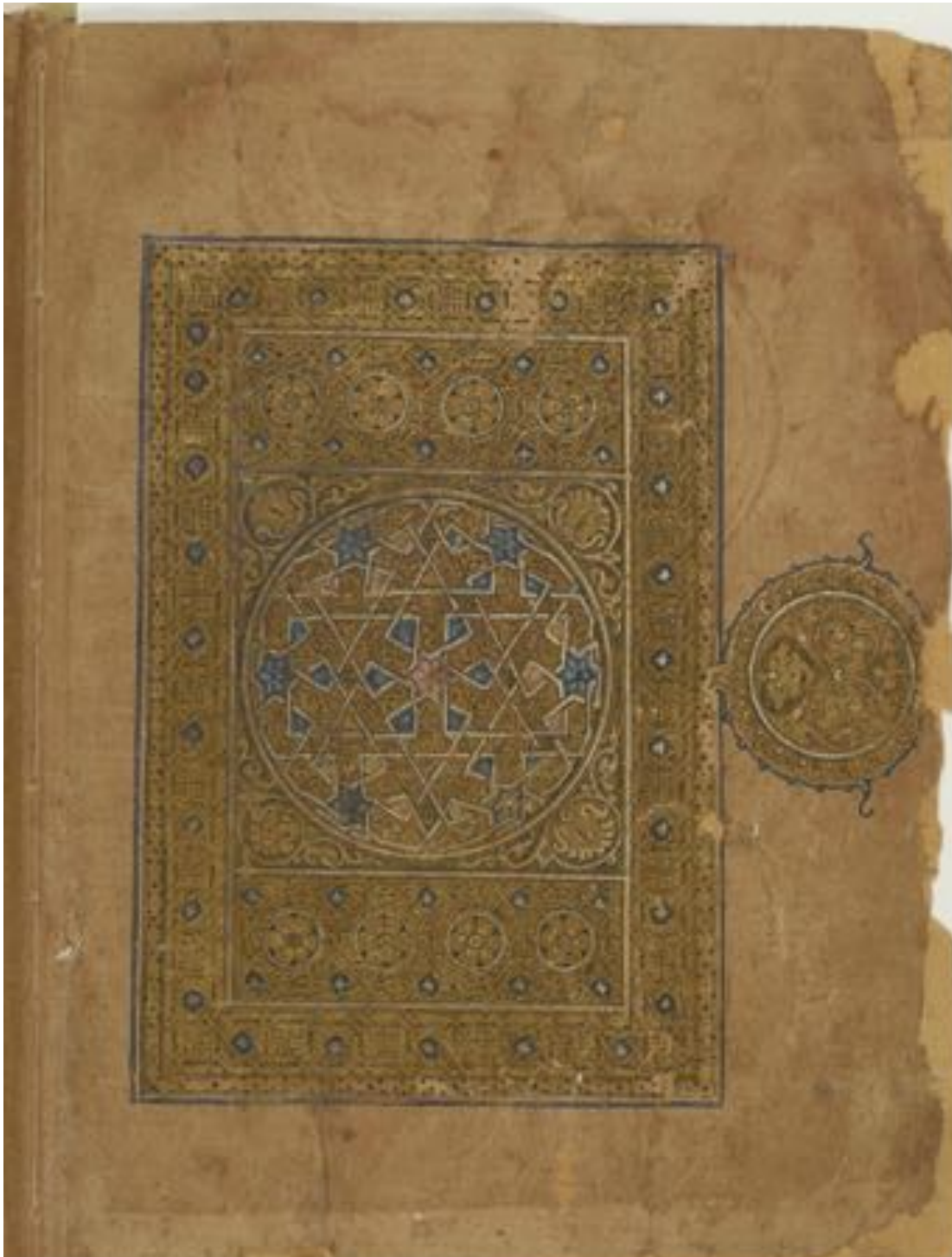
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The colophon of the fifth volume from the Bust Qur'an (fol. 125r), Bust, 505/1111, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Arabe 6041, 20.2 x 15.1 cm.



XLI.

The first folio of the fifth volume (fol. 1r) from the Bust Qur'an, Bust, 505/1111, BNF Ara-be 6041, 20.2 x 15.1 cm.



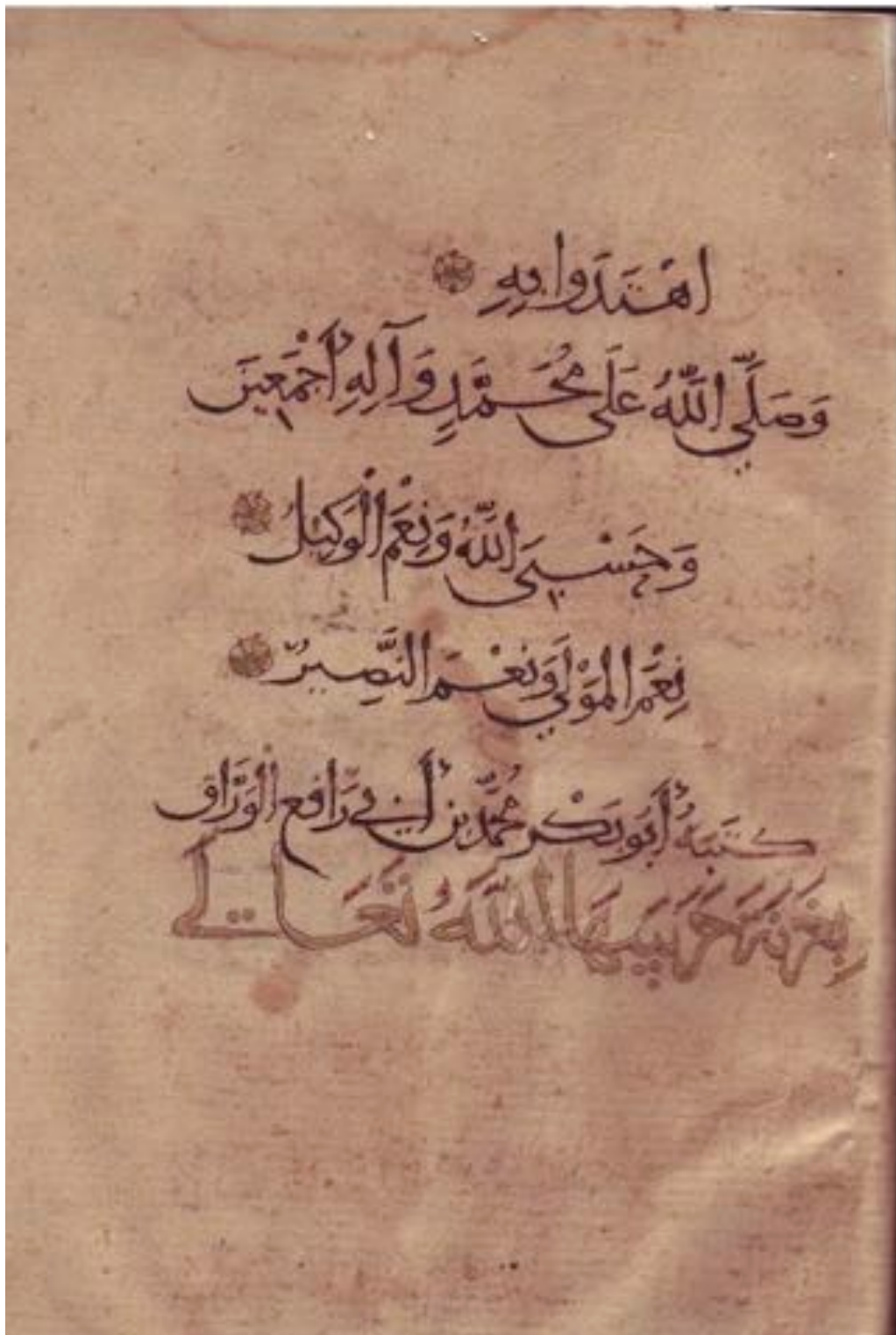
XLII.

The right-hand page of the fifth volume's frontispiece (fol. 1v), the Bust Qur'an, Bust, 505/1111, BNF Arabe 6041, 20.2 x 15.1 cm.



XLIII.

The first double-page spread with Qur'anic text in the fifth volume of the Bust Qur'an (fols. 2v-3r), Bust, 505/1111, BNF Arabe 6041, 20.2 x 15.1 cm.



XLIV.

The colophon of *Kitāb khalq al-nabī wa-khulqih*, (folio unnumbered), Ghazna, c. 441/1049, Leiden University Library, Ms 437.



XLV.
The first folio from *Kitāb khalq al-nabī wa-khulqih* (fol. 1r), Ghazna, c. 441/1049, LU Ms 437.



XLVI.

The verso of the first folio from *Kitāb khalq al-nabī wa-khulqih* (fol. 1v), Ghazna, c. 441/1049, LU Ms 437.



XLVII.

A spread from a Qur'an, Khurasan, probably 5th/11th century, Turkish and Islamic Art Museum, 555, 22.5 x 32 cm.



XLVIII.

Frontispiece of a Qur'an, Khurasan, probably 5th/11th century, TIEM 555, 22.5 x 32 cm.

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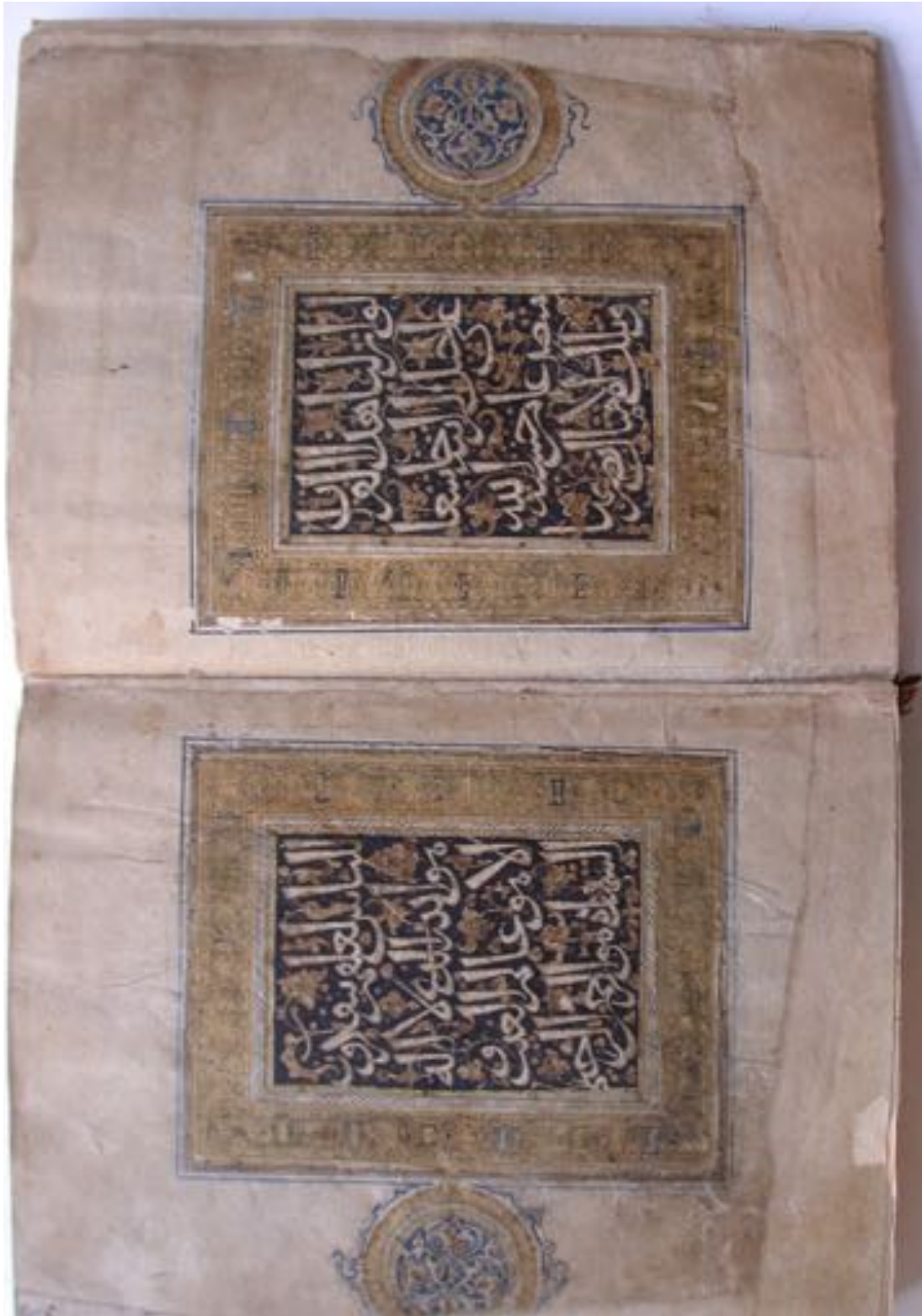
Chapter V



I.
Colophon of Abū Bakr al-Ghaznawī's Qur'an (fols. 280v-281r), 573/1177, Topkapı Sarayı Library, EH42, 18 x 15 cm.



II.
First folio in Abū Bakr al-Ghaznawī's Qur'an (fol. 1r), 573/1177, TKS EH42, 18 x 15 cm.



III.

First double-page frontispiece in the Qur'an of Abū Bakr al-Ghaznawī (fols. 1v-2r), 573/1177, TKS EH42, 18 x 15 cm.



IV.
Second double-page frontispiece in the Qur'an of Abū Bakr al-Ghaznawī (fols. 2v-3r),
573/1177, TKS EH42, 18 x 15 cm.



V.
First double-page spread with Qur'anic text from the Qur'an of Abū Bakr al-Ghaznawī (fols. 3v-4r), 573/1177, TKS EH42, 18 x 15 cm.



VI.
 A spread from the Qur'an of Abū Bakr al-Ghaznawī (fols 214v-215r), 573/1177, TKS EH42, 18 x 15 cm.



VII.
Last folio in the Qur'an of Abū Bakr al-Ghaznawī (fol. 281v), 573/1177, TKS EH42,
18 x 15 cm.



VIII.
Qarakhanid mausoleum in Uzgand, Farghāna, Central Asia, 582/1186.

القرآن ناطقاً بحرف الله عز وجل
هو كتاب الله من المستهزئين واطل كالمات
ماتت وعلمه در فضاء الله عز وجل يوم
مع رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم فقلت له يا رسول الله حدثنا بحديث فنبتغ به فقال ان اراكم عبيد
وموت الشهداء والجاه يوم الحشر والظلم يوم الحشر والهدى يوم الضلالة فادرسوا القرآن فانه
سلام الرحمن وحمد من الشيطان ودخان جهنم المبرور والاربعين من القرآن ولم يعلم
تفسيره الا منسلة للاعرابي يعقرا اولاد دري ماهو قال احسن والله ما ازل الله عز وجل به الا هو
حسب ان تعلم فيما نزلت واما معناه وقال احسن علم القصور ان لا يعلمه الا الذكور من الرجال
ثم ان الله تعالى قد اكل زان ذللة وكل ذل ورجالا ولا يام دنتم آجالا فانفعم للناس منضتم في الملك
والسلطان العظيم شمسنا الاعظم ناكل رباب كالم سلطان الملاطسح العالم غياث الدنيا الذين يولاهم ولا يلبس
قاهر الكفر والمكبر في المبرور والمعز من عضد الدول القاهره باج الملأه الزاهي من خلال لامة الماهشور
نظام للعالم ابو التوم محمد بن سام شمس المومنين ايام الله سلطانة وشمس نبينا وابدان كانه وقرن
على قرارة الملك نكاته ولصروا بنة وقرون التوفيق راية وعلوي علامه وانصحي احكامه
واجرا الفسامة حيث افعل في معنى اعد الصدق وشد به معنى قرا الحق وهو المنزلة الايات
الرحمة الربانية المنسلة على كافة البشرية هذا ولم يزل المخلصون المختصون بحدود الجسد هم
وسلطتهم ومصلح دنهم وشاهم تحف الضاع غزبا للصلح وكانت هدايتهم الى الصراط

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IX. Colophon in the Qur'an of Sultan Ghiyath al-Din (fol. 198r), 584/1188, Iran Bastan Museum, Ms 3496, 41 x 33 cm.



XI.
Frontispiece of the Qur'an of Sultan Ghiyāth al-Dīn (fol. 3r), 584/1188, IBM Ms 3496, 41 x 33 cm.



XII.
Finispiece of the Qur'an of Sultan Ghiyāth al-Dīn (fols. 195v-196r), 584/1188, IBM Ms
3496, 41 x 33 cm.



XIII.

The left-hand page from the first double-page spread with Qur'anic text in the Qur'an of Sultan Ghiyāth al-Dīn (fol. 7r), 584/1188, IBM Ms 3496, 41 x 33 cm.



XIV.
The last folio with Qur'anic text in the Qur'an of Sultan Ghiyāth al-Dīn (fol. 195r),
584/1188, IBM Ms 3496, 41 x 33 cm.

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Chapter VI



I.
A spread from a Qur'an, Khurasan, 4th/11th-6th/12th century, Holy Shrine Museum in Qum, 1200, unknown size.

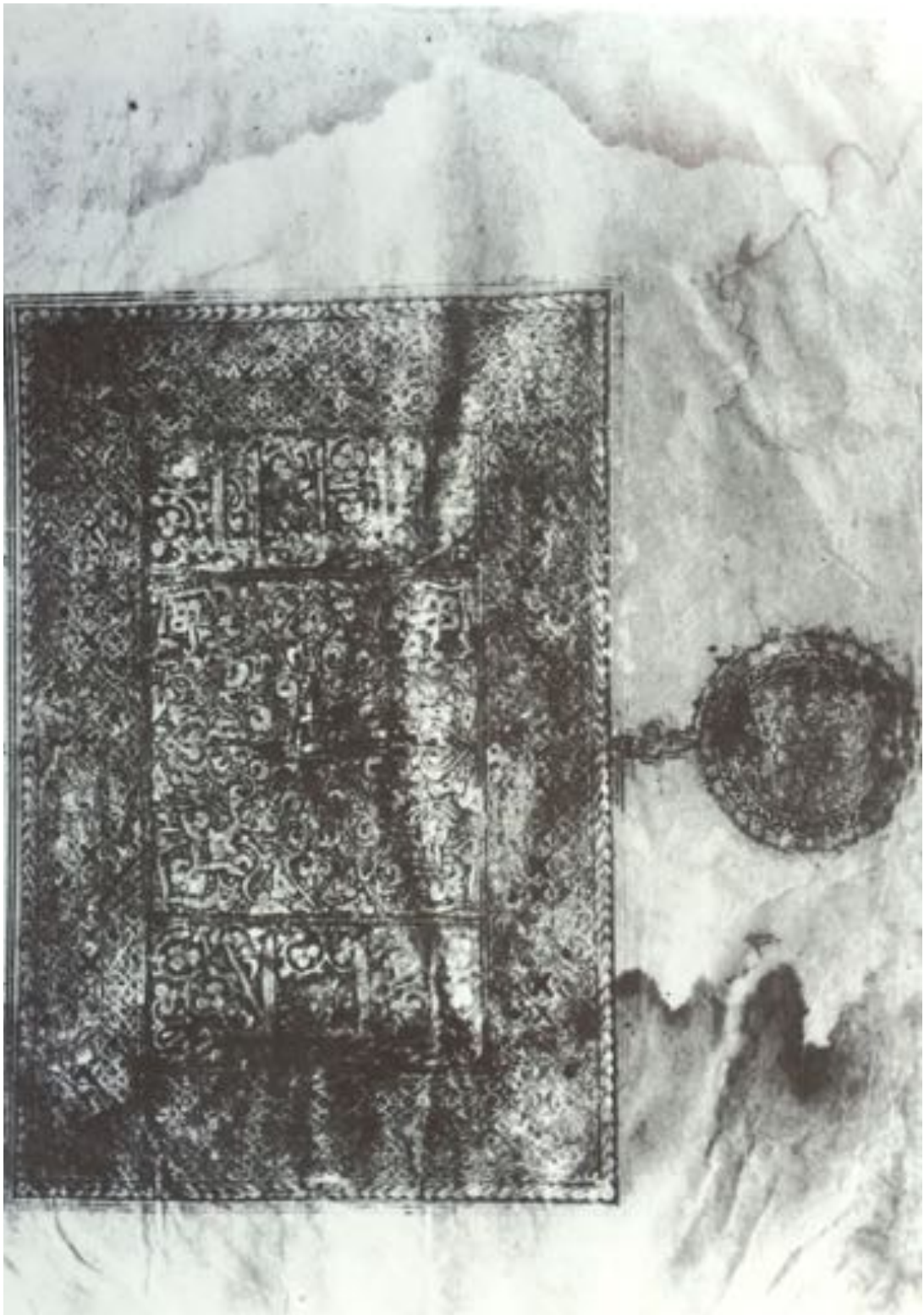


II.
A folio from a Qur'an, Khurasan, 4th/11th-6th/12th century, Holy Shrine Museum in Qum, 1200, unknown size.



III.

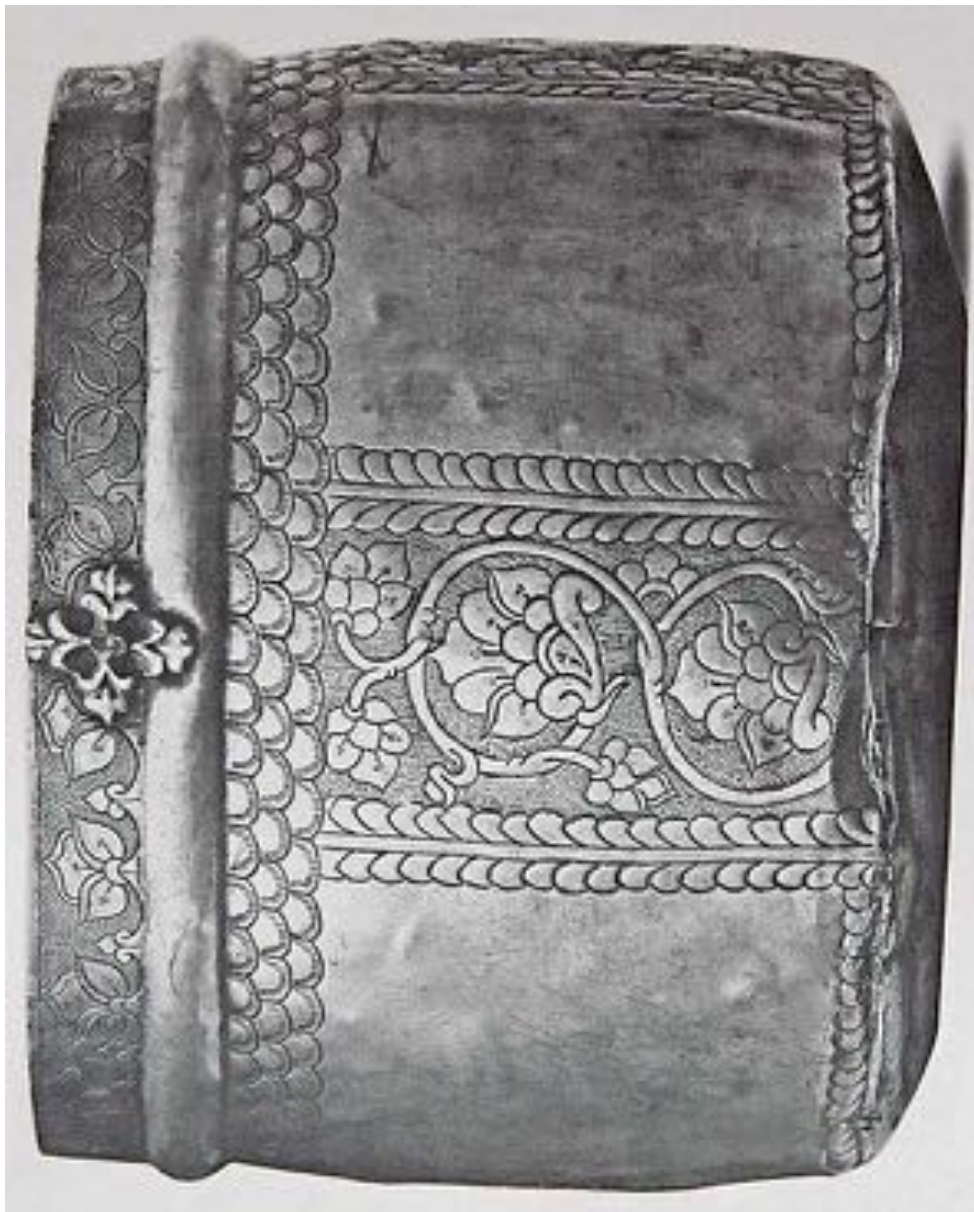
A folio from a Qur'an, Khorasan, 4th/11th-6th/12th century, Holy Shrine Museum in Qum, 1200, unknown size.



IV.
The frontispiece of the Qarmathian Qur'an, Khurasan or Transoxiana, 5th/11th-6th/12th century, private collection, 34 x 24 cm.



V.
A folio from the Qarmathian Qur'an, Khurasan or Transoxiana, 5th/11th-6th/12th century, Dār al-Āthār al-Islāmiyya, LNS 63 MS, 34 x 24 cm.



VI.
A silver bucket, second half of the 2nd/8th or first half of the 3rd/9th century, excavated in Perm, Russia, The Hermitage Museum (T35), Diam. 21.4 H. 19.3 cm.



VII.
The surviving left-hand page from the frontispiece of the Khalili Qur'an (fol. 1r), Khurasan or Transoxiana, 5th/11th - 6th/12th century, The Khalili Collection of Islamic Art, QUR89, 36.5 x 23.8 cm.



VIII.

First spread with Qur'anic text in the Khalili Qur'an (fols. 1v-2r), Khurasan or Transoxiana, 5th/11th - 6th/12th century, Khalili QUR89, 36.5 x 23.8 cm.



IX.

Last spread with Qur'anic text in the Khalili Qur'an (fols. 15v-16r), Khurasan or Transoxiana, 5th/11th - 6th/12th century, Khalili QUR89, 36.5 x 23.8 cm.



X.
Earthenware, slip painted under a transparent galze, Samanid Iran, c. 4th/10th century,
The Khalili Collection of Islamic Art, inv no. POT99, Diam. 36.5 cm H. 10.8 cm.



XI.

Earthenware bowl, covered with a white slip and painted in a brown and red slip under a transparent glaze, Eastern Iran, Nishapur or Samarqand, c. 4th/10th century, The David Collection, Inv. no. 22/1974, Diam. 27 cm H. 10 cm.

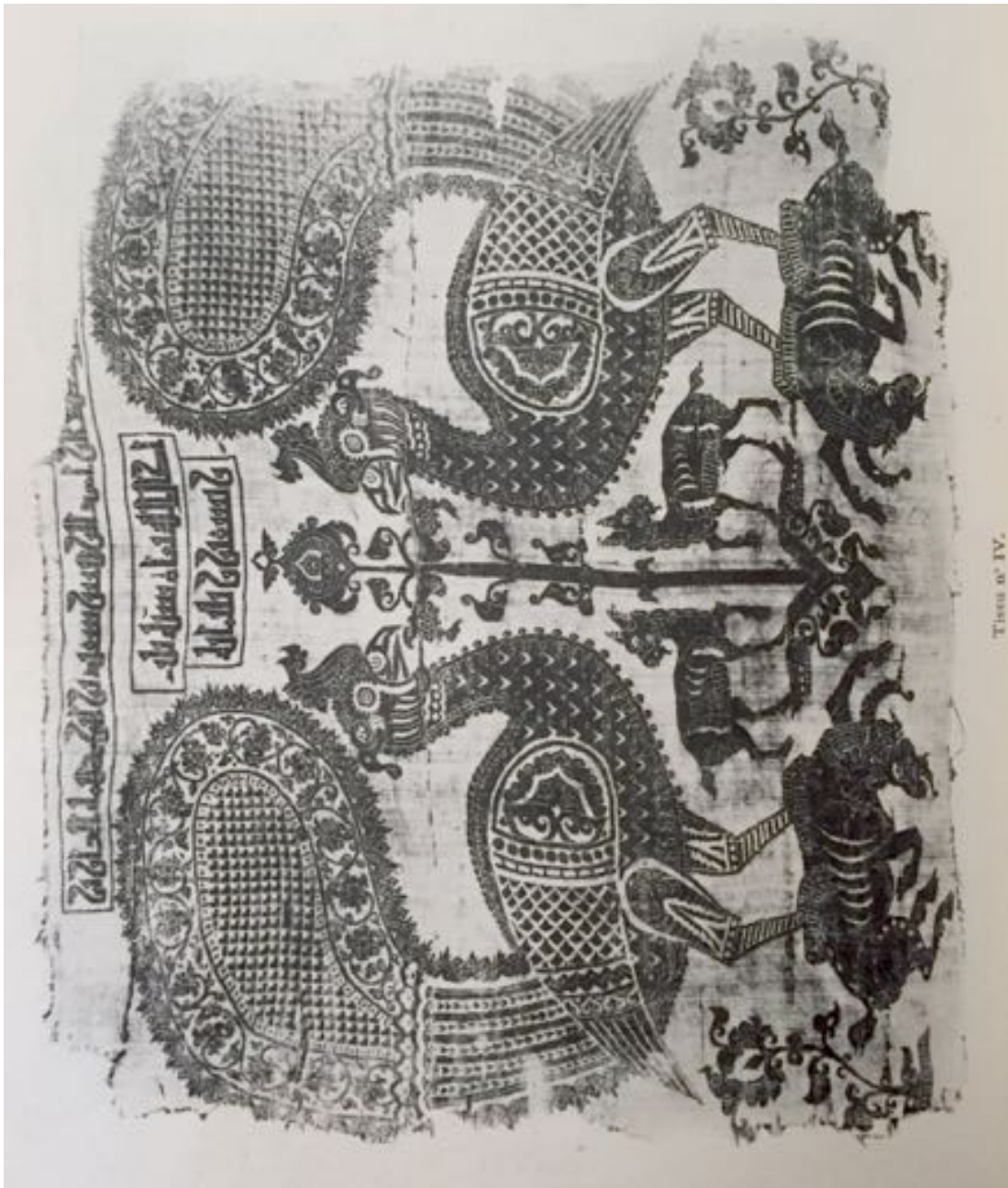


XII.
Earthenware bowl covered with a white slip and painted in black, yellow, and green under a transparent glaze Eastern Iran, Nishapur; c. 4th/10th century, The David Collection, Inv. no. 13/1975, Diam 21.8 cm H 9.5 cm.



XIII.

Earthenware dish covered with a white slip and painted in red and in an olive-green slip under a yellowish glaze Eastern Iran, Nishapur, 4th/10-5th/11th century, The David Collection, Inv. no. 27/1962, Diam 38 cm H 8 cm.



XIV.
Diasper weave, silk, Iran, 4th/10th-5th/11th century, Cleveland Museum of Art, 61.34.



XV.

Frontispiece of the Freer Qur'an (fols. 247v-248r), Khurasan, 5th/11th-6th/12th century, Freer and Sackler Gallery of Arts, F1937.46, 31.3 x 20.1 cm.



XVI.
Folio from the Freer Qur'an, Khurasan, 5th/11th-6th/12th century, Freer F1937.46, 31.3 x 20.1 cm.



XVII.

Folio from the Freer Qur'an, Khurasan, 5th/11th-6th/12th century, Freer F1937.46, 31.3 x 20.1



XVIII.

First folio of a Qur'an (fol. 1r), Khurasan, probably 4th/11th century, Topkapı Sarayı Library, R10.



XIX.

Folio enumerating the components of a Qur'an (fol. 235r), Khurasan, probably 4th/11th century, TKS R10.



XXI.

A folio from a dispersed Qur'an, Khurasan or Transoxiana, 4th/11th-6th/12th century, Met 40.164.2a.



XXII. A folio from a dispersed Qur'an, Khurasan or Transoxiana, 4th/11th-6th/12th century, Met 40.164.2b.



XXIII.

A folio from a dispersed Qur'an, Khurasan or Transoxiana, 4th/11th-6th/12th century, Met 45.140.



XXIV.

A folio from a dispersed Qur'an, probably Khurasan or Transoxiana, 4th/11th century, The David collection, 52/2000, 19.2 x 16 cm.



XXV.

A double-page spread from a Qur'an (fols. 1v-2r), Khurasan or Transoxiana, 4th/11th-6th/12th century, Freer and Sackler Gallery of Arts, F2001.16a-b, 15.8 x 11.6 cm.



XXVI.

A double-page spread from a Qur'an (fols. 16v-17r), Khurasan or Transoxiana, 4th/11th-6th/12th century, Freer F2001.16a-b, 15.8 x 11.6 cm.



XXVII.

A fragment from a Qur'an, Khurasan or Transoxiana, 4th/11th-6th/12th century, Chester Beatty Library, Is. 1419.

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Chapter VII



I.
 Frontispiece of the Hamadhān Qur'an (fol. 2r), Hamadhān, 559/1164, University of Pennsylvania Museum, NEP-27, 42 x 27.9 cm.



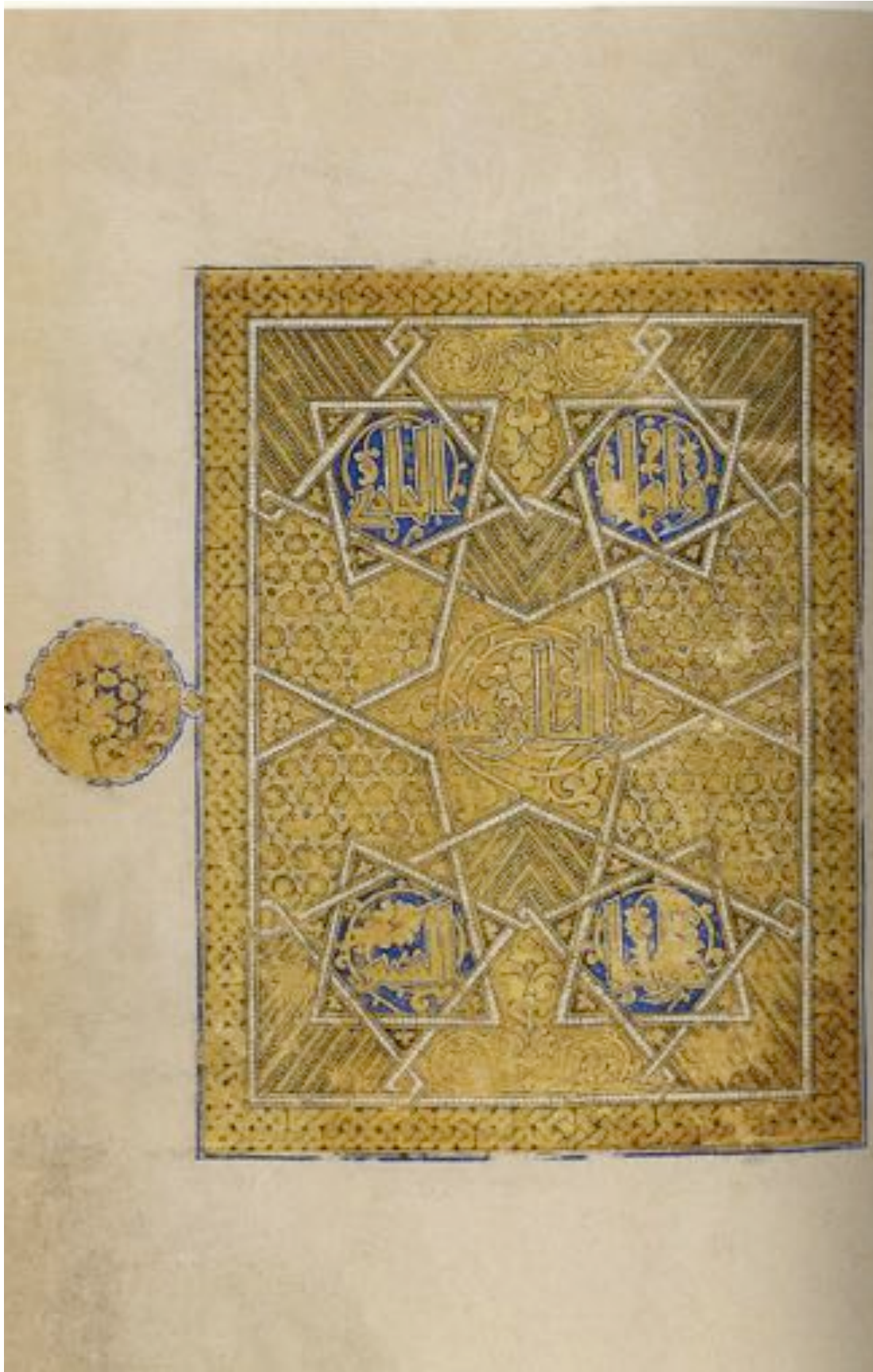
II.
First double-page spread with Qur'anic text in the Hamadhān Qur'an (fols. 2v-3r),
Hamadhān, 559/1164, UPenn NEP-27, 42 x 27.9 cm.



III.
Finispiece of the Hamadhān Qur'an (fols. 211v-212r), Hamadhān, 559/1164, UPenn NEP-27, 42 x 27.9 cm.



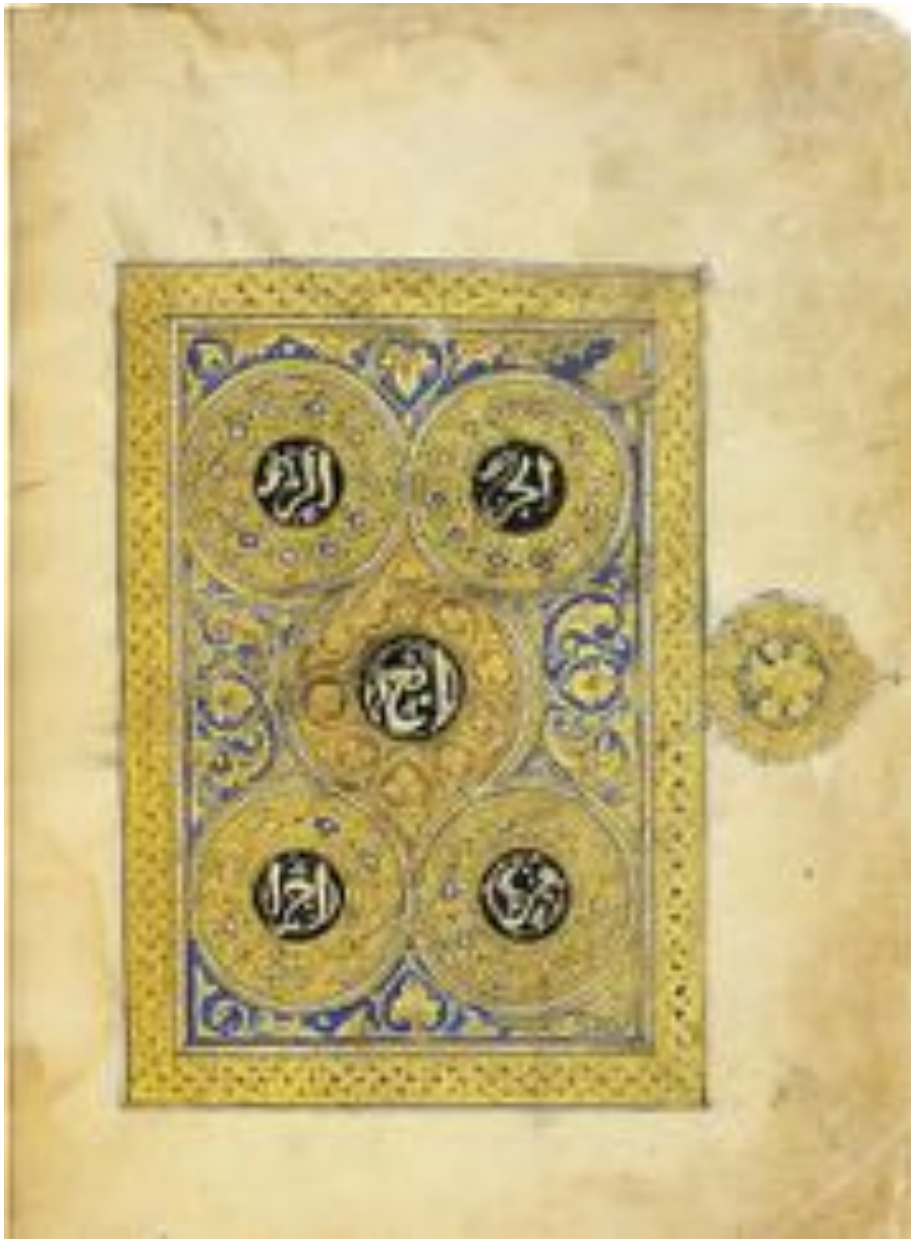
IV.
Frontispiece of the twenty-eighth volume in Quṭb al-Dīn Muḥammad b. Zankī's Qur'an (fols. 1v-2r), Sinjar, Nusaybin or Khabur, late 6th/12th or early 7th/13th century, Khalili Collection, QUR497, 23.8 x 16.6 cm.



V.
The beginning of the sixth volume of Quṭb al-Dīn Muḥammad b. Zankī's Qur'an, Sinjar, Nusaybin or Khabur, late 6th/12th or early 7th/13th century, Topkapı Sarayı Library, Y898, 23.8 x 16.6 cm.



VI.
The beginning of the twelfth volume of Quṭb al-Dīn Muḥammad b. Zankī's Qur'an, Sinjar, Nusaybin or Khabur, late 6th/12th or early 7th/13th century, TKS Y898, 23.8 x 16.6 cm.



VII.

The beginning of the fourth volume of Qutb al-Dīn Muḥammad b. Zankī's Qur'an, Sinjar, Nusaybin or Khabur, late 6th/12th or early 7th/13th century, Christie's Lot 48, April 10 2014, 23.8 x 16.6 cm.



VIII.

A folio from Qutb al-Dīn Muḥammad b. Zankī's Qur'an (fol. 34v), Sinjar, Nusaybin or Khabur, late 6th/12th or early 7th/13th century, Khalili Collection, QUR497, 23.8 x 16.6 cm.



IX.
The first double-page spread in the Qur'an of Nūr al-Dīn Maḥmūd b. Zankī (fol. 1r),
Damascus, 562/1167, Keir Collection, Ham ms. VII., 19.5 x 16 cm.



X.
The beginning of the thirteenth volume in the Qur'an of Nūr al-Dīn Maḥmūd b. Zankī (fols. 1v-2r), Damascus, 562/1167, Keir Ham ms. VII., 19.5 x 16 cm.



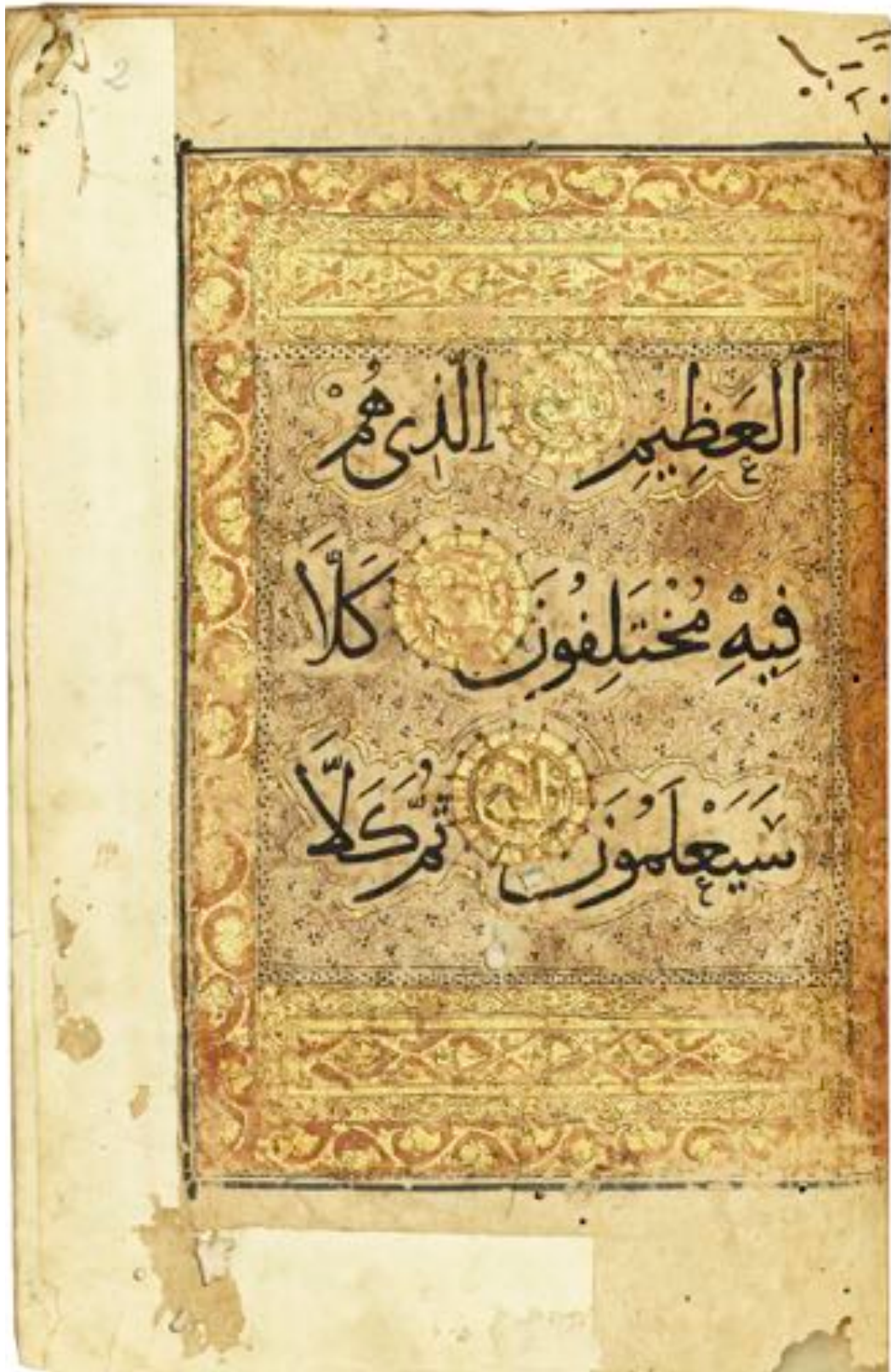
XI.
The beginning of the 53rd volume in the Qur'an of Nūr al-Dīn Maḥmūd b. Zankī (fols. 1v-2r), Damascus, 562/1167, Keir Ham ms. VII., 19.5 x 16 cm.



XII.
Frontispiece of *Tabṣirat arbāb al-albāb* (fols. 1v-2r), Egypt or Syria, 6th/12th century,
Bodleian Library, Huntington 264, 25.5 x 19.5 cm.



XIII.
Title page of *Shawārid al-amthāl* (fol. 1r), Syria, 6th/12th century, Leiden University Library, Or. 1073, size unavailable.



XIV.

The beginning of the thirtieth volume of Muḥammad b. Abū al-°Abbās's Qur'an, Baghdad, 588/1192, Christie's Lot 11, 10 October 2000, 19.6 x 14.2 cm.



XV.

A spread from Muḥammad b. Abū al-°Abbās's Qur'an, Baghdad, 583/1186, Christie's Lot 1, 14 October 2003, 19.6 x 14.2 cm.

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Chapter VIII



I.
One double-page spread with the colophon of al-Zanjānī's Qur'an, probably western Iran, 531/1137, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1996.294.4/5, 25.7 x 19 cm.



II.
Frontispiece of al-Zanjānī's Qur'an, probably western Iran, 531/1137, Met 1996.238.2,
25.7 x 19 cm.



III.

A folio with the enumeration of the components of al-Zanjānī's Qur'an, probably western Iran, 531/1137, Met 1996.238.1, 25.7 x 19 cm.



IV.
A folio with the enumeration of the components of al-Zanjānī's Qur'an, probably western Iran, 531/1137, Met 1996.294.6, 25.7 x 19 cm.



V.
Left-hand page of the opening spread in al-Zanjani's Qur'an, probably western Iran, 531/1137, Met 1996.294.2, 25.7 x 19 cm.



VI.

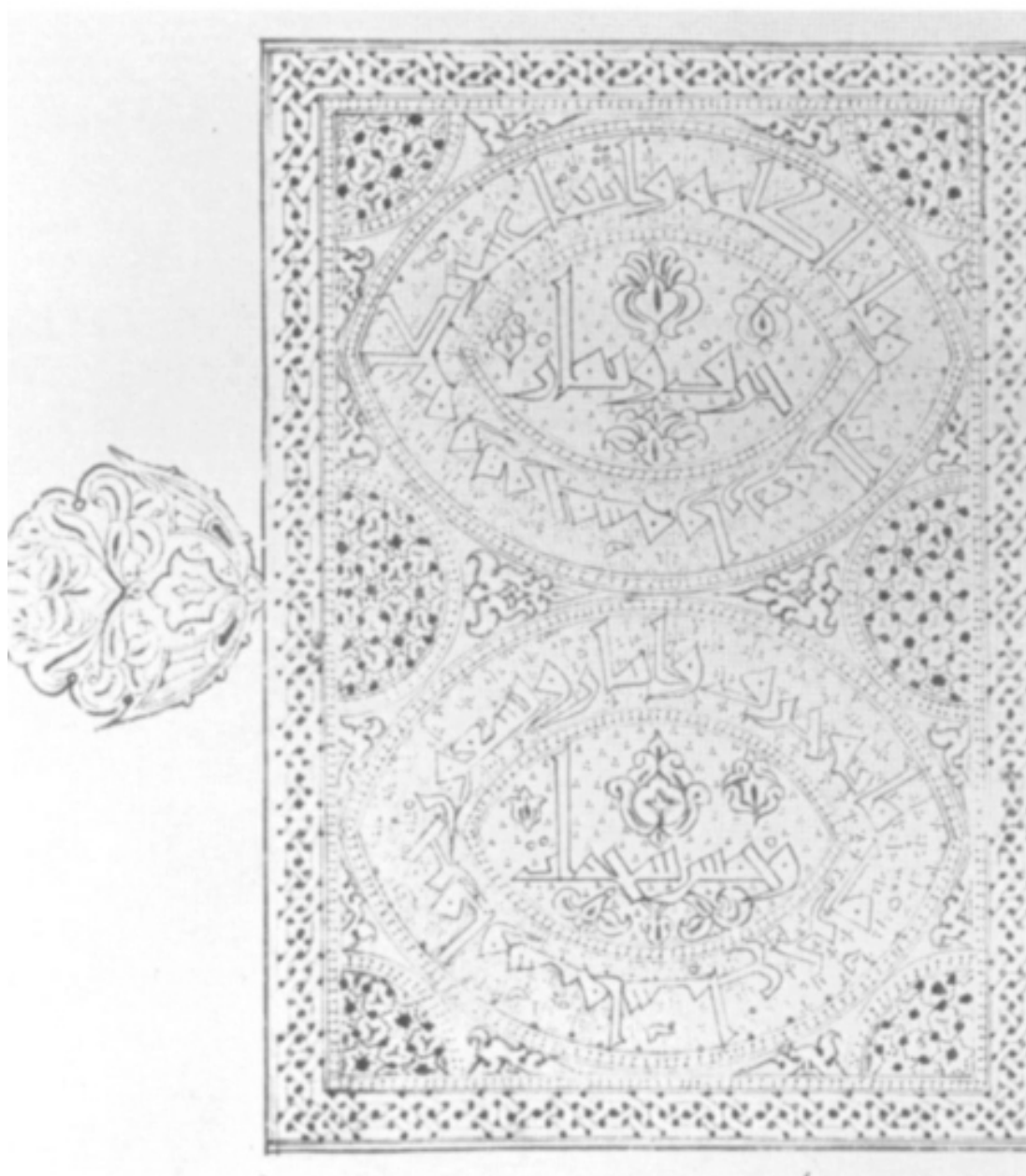
A folio from al-Zanjānī's Qur'an, probably western Iran, 531/1137, Met 1996.294.3, 25.7 x 19 cm.



VII.
Frontispiece of al-Kātib al-Malikī's Qur'an (fols. 1v-2r), probably western Iran, 582/1186,
Chester Beatty Library, Is. 1438, 43 x 31.5 cm.



IX.
A double-page spread from al-Kātib al-Maliki's Qur'an (fol. 124v-125r), probably western Iran, 582/1186, CBL Is. 1438, 43 x 31.5 cm.



X.
Frontispiece of one volume in al-Bayhaqī's Qur'an (fol. 3r), probably Iran, 592/1195, Chester Beatty Library, Is. 1435, 20 x 14.5 cm.



XI.

The end of the fourth volume in al-Bayhaqī's Qur'an (fol. 116v), probably Iran, 592/1195, CBL Is. 1435, 20 x 14.5 cm.



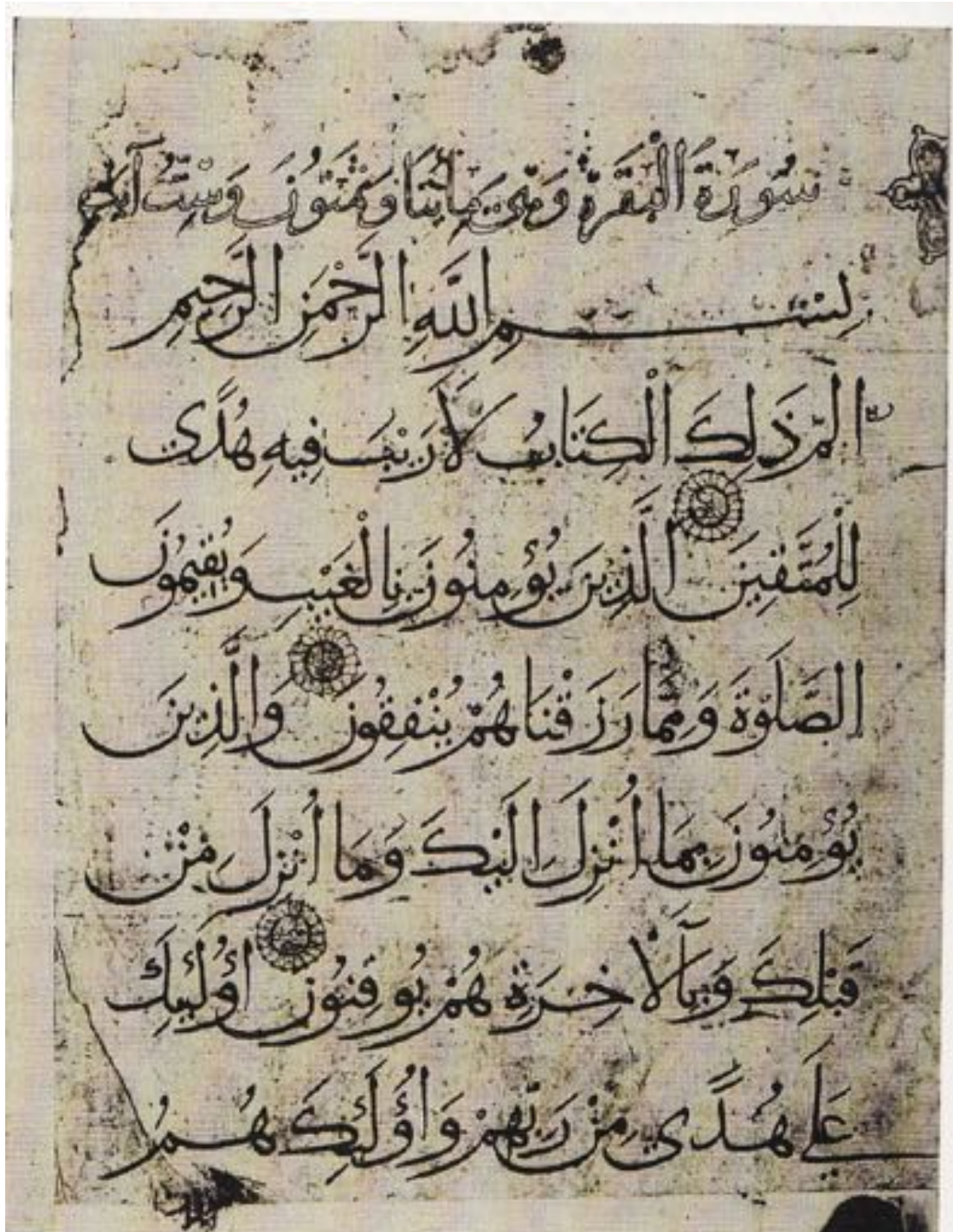
XII.

The beginning of the fourth volume in al-Bayhaqī's Qur'an (fol. number unavailable), probably Iran, 592/1195, CBL Is. 1435, 20 x 14.5 cm.



XIII.

Al-Kātib al-Iṣḫānī's Qur'an (fols. 211v-212r), Iraq or Iran, 555/1160, Dār al-Kutub al-Miṣriyya, 144, size unavailable.



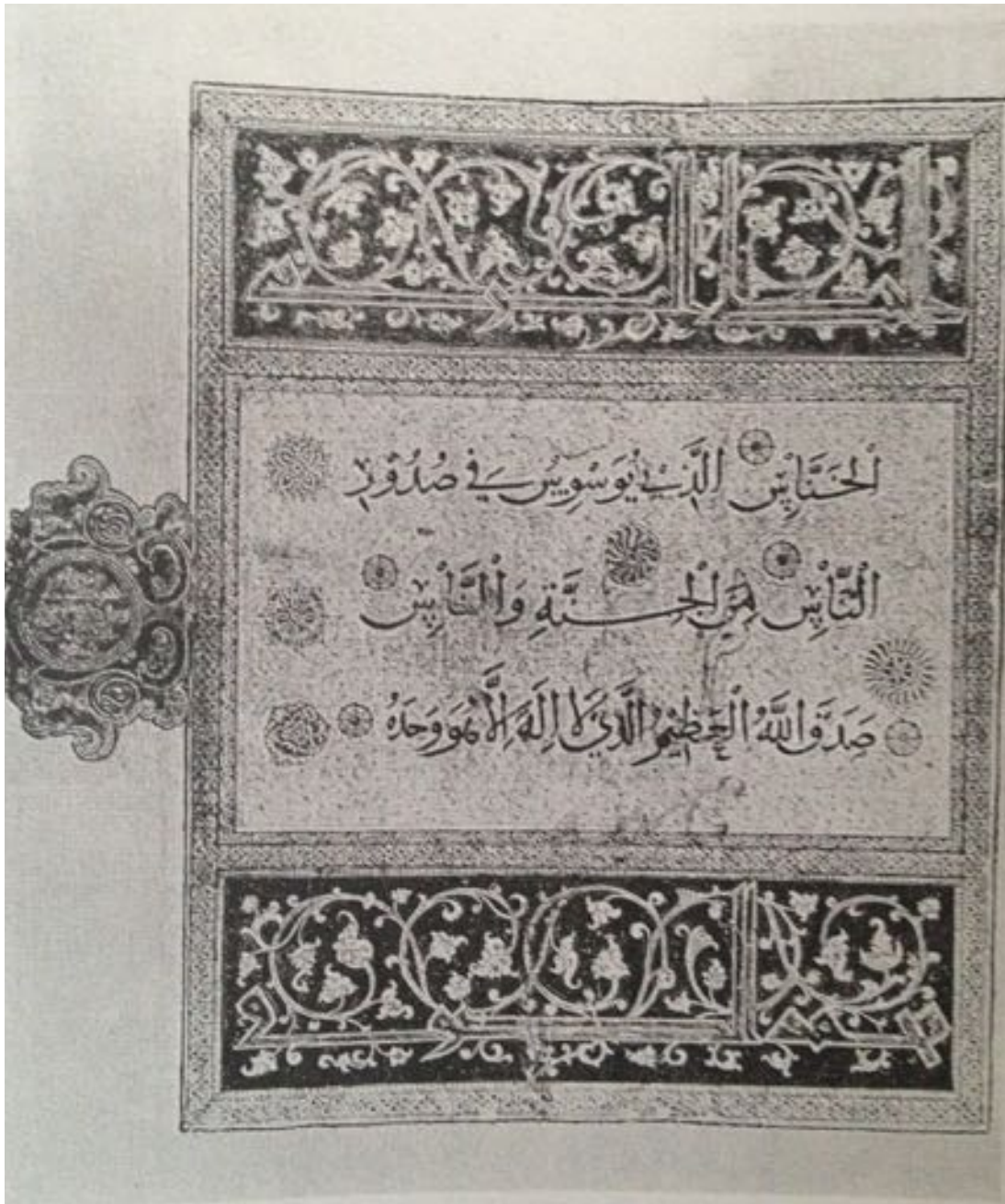
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A folio from the Qur'an of 'Abd al-Malik al-Iṣfahānī, Iraq or Iran, 495/1101, Dār al-Kutub al-Miṣriyya, 227, size unavailable.



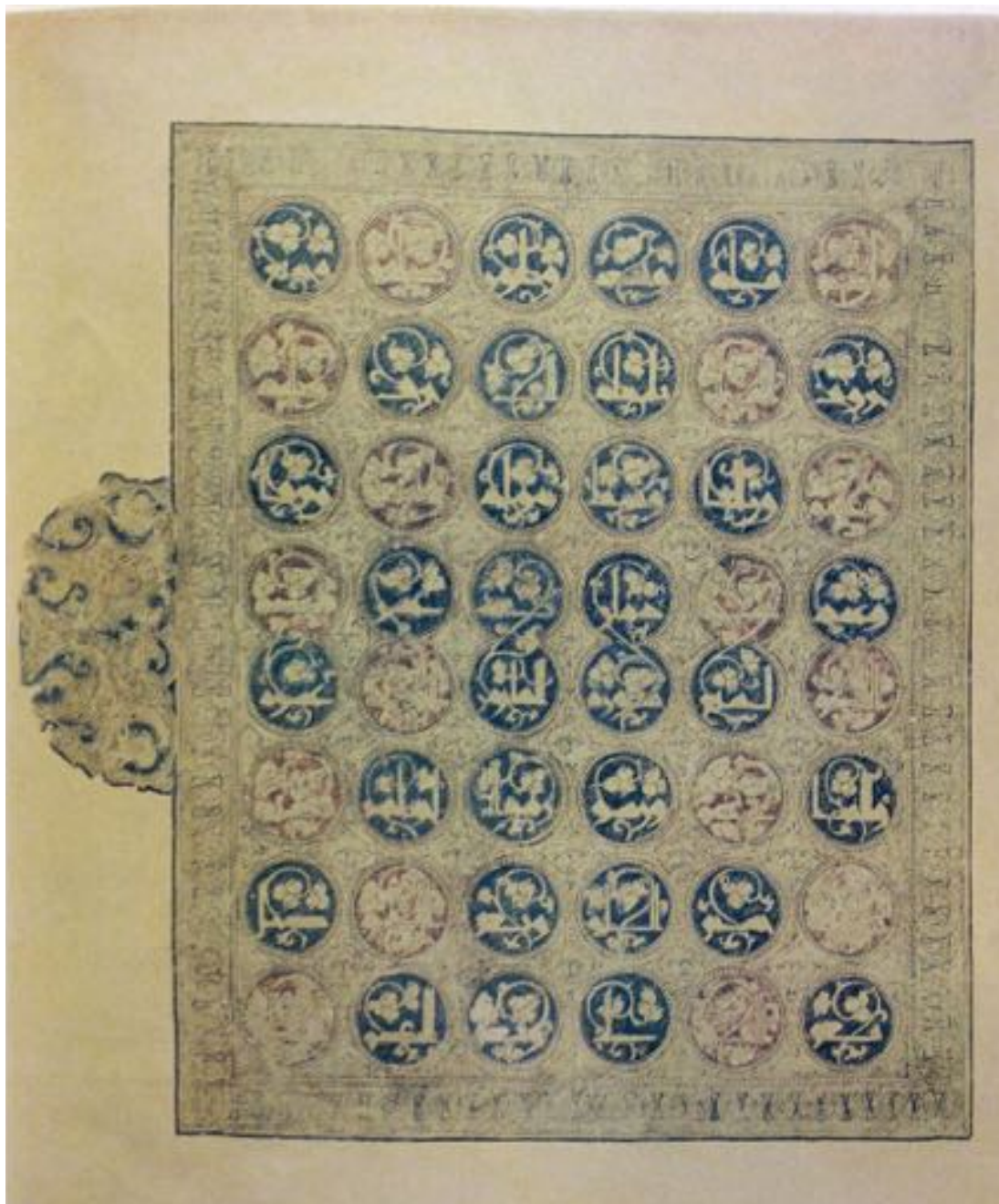
XV.

The first double-page spread with Qur'anic text in the Qur'an of °Abd al-Malik al-Iṣfahānī, Iraq or Iran, 495/1101, Dār al-Kutub al-Miṣriyya, 227, size unavailable.



XVII.

Left-hand page of the colophon spread in al-Jabali's Qur'an (fol. number unavailable), probably western Iran or Iraq, 6th/12th century, Chester Beatty Library, Is. 1439, 39 x 33 cm.



XVIII.
Frontispiece of al-Jabali's Qur'an (fol. 1r), probably western Iran or Iraq, 6th/12th century,
CBL Is. 1439, 39 x 33 cm.



XIX.
Frontispiece of the Golden Qur'an (fol. 1r), western Iran or the Jazira, late 6th/12th or early 7th/13th century, Bavarian State Library, cod. Arab. 1112.



XX.

A folio from the Golden Qur'an (fol. number unavailable), western Iran or the Jazira, late 6th/12th or early 7th/13th century, BSB cod. Arab. 1112.



XXI.

A folio from the Golden Qur'an (fol. number unavailable), western Iran or the Jazira, late 6th/12th or early 7th/13th century, BSB cod. Arab. 1112.