



Divine Coincidences

Factors that contributed to the Islamic Translation Series add up to far more than just chance in the mind of Daniel C. Peterson, professor of Islamic studies at BYU. Since the earliest conception in 1993, Peterson has felt the hand of providence in his work. “I look at a whole number of things that happened and it’s like a consolidation of really improbable things that allowed this to happen,” said Peterson, who is the former director of the Institute for the Preservation of Ancient Religious texts, which houses the Middle Eastern Texts Initiative (METI), the Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies (FARMS), and the Center for the Preservation of Ancient Texts (CPART).

Each section works to achieve positive international recognition for BYU. “All of them are working with international agencies and groups and with individuals situated internationally, so they’re all building bridges in that sense,” he explained.

METI is now home of the Islamic Translation Series, a dual-language translation series that allows English speakers to have access to classical Islamic texts for the first time. How the series came to be involved a sequence of events far too coincidental to have been strictly luck in Peterson's view.

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