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How was the use of violence against Muslims explained and justified in medieval Islam? What role did state punishment play in delineating the private from the public sphere? What strategies were deployed to cope with the suffering caused by punishment? These questions are explored in Christian Lange's in-depth study of the phenomenon of punishment, both divine and human, in eleventh- to thirteenth-century Islamic society. The book examines the relationship between state and society in meting out justice, Muslim attitudes to hell and the punishments that were in store in the afterlife, and the legal dimensions of punishment – how different types of retribution were justified, circumscribed, or rejected altogether by Muslim jurists. The crossdisciplinary approach embraced in this study, which is based on a wide variety of Persian and Arabic sources, sheds light on the interplay between theory and practice in Islamic criminal law, and between executive power and the religious imagination of medieval Muslim society at large.

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<i>EII</i>	<i>The Encyclopaedia of Islam</i> . 5 vols. Edited by T. Houtsma et al. Leiden: Brill, 1913–34
<i>EI2</i>	<i>The Encyclopaedia of Islam: New Edition</i> . 12 vols. Edited by H. A. R. Gibb et al. Leiden: Brill, 1954–2004
<i>EQ</i>	<i>The Encyclopaedia of the Qurʾān</i> . 5 vols. Edited by Jane Dammen McAuliffe et al. Leiden: Brill, 2001–6
<i>GAL</i>	Carl Brockelmann. <i>Geschichte der arabischen Literatur</i> . First published 1898. Leiden: Brill, 1943–9
<i>IJMES</i>	<i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i>
<i>ILS</i>	<i>Islamic Law and Society</i>
<i>IOS</i>	<i>Israel Oriental Studies</i>
<i>JAOS</i>	<i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i>
<i>JRAS</i>	<i>Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society</i>
<i>LN</i>	ʿAlī Akbar Dihkhudā. <i>Lughatnāma</i> . First published 1946–. 6 vols. Tehran: Muʾassasa-yi Dihkhudā, 1363–/[1985–]
<i>MA</i>	ʿAbbūd al-Shālījī. <i>Mawsūʿat al-ʿadhāb</i> . 7 vols. Beirut: al-Dār al-ʿArabiyya li-l-Mawsūʿāt, 1980
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