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**The Libraries of Abraham Hinckelmann (d. 1695) and
Ludovico Marracci (d. 1700)**

One of the major problems that scholars of the Qur'an and Islam in 16th- and 17th-century Europe had to face was the lack of Arabic sources. The Arabic manuscripts that scholars, translators from Arabic and students of the Qur'an had at disposal were few. These usually did not permit them to have a comprehensive knowledge of Islamic literature and the tools needed for a philological work. Marracci and Hinckelmann were exceptions in this situation. Marracci through Roman libraries and Hinckelmann with his personal manuscripts had tens of texts and they used some of them in their editions of the Qur'an which appeared one close to the other.

Notwithstanding this, even if they produced something new, their personal libraries did not include many Qur'anic manuscripts and other exegetical literature which could have prevented them from some inaccuracies. This does not diminish the extent of their reliance on original sources and the significance of their edition of the Arabic Qur'an.

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