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I have decided not to employ diacritical marks in the transliteration of Arabic words. This creates certain ambiguities, which are listed below. My rationale for omitting diacriticals is that those who know Arabic ought to be able to decipher the words without them, and for those who do not (the majority of readers), the marks only complicate the text. The following table lists the Roman rendition of the Arabic alphabet.

Roman Letters	Arabic Letters
a	ا
b	ب
t	ت
th	ث
j	ج
h*	هـ , ح
kh	خ
d*	د , ذ
dh	ذ
r	ر
z*	ز
s*	س , ص
sh	ش
s*	س , ص