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In the Name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful

It has been a real pleasure to work on the translation of the Golden Treatise, which pertains to Islamic medicine and is attributed to Al-Imam Al-Rida' (a), the eighth Holy Shi'a Imam.

I was very glad when I found some introductory courses about traditional and Islamic medicine. My teacher had asked each student in our course to select one, from among the list of lectures she had given, and to reformulate it while focusing on one subject. I chose Al–Imam Al–Rida' (a)'s Golden Treatise because it is an all–encompassing subject that summarizes the different facets of Islamic medicine.

It also gave me an opportunity to do a translation, which is one of my favorite endeavors; the short length of the dissertation (19 manuscript pages or 14 printed pages) made me feel confident even though it was to be from Arabic into English. It is my first translation of an Arabic text into English. With God's gracious help and that of a believing sister, it was completed.

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Please note I have used a simplified form of transliteration from Arabic to English. I have added an appendix for those wanting more detailed information, as well as an index containing keys terms from the dissertation along with their Arabic and Persian translations.

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