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That's how the light gets in.

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Arabic	**Transliterated English**
ء	ʼ
ب	b
ت	t
ث	th
ج	j
ح	ḥ
خ	kh
د	d
ذ	dh
ر	r
ز	z
س	s
ش	sh
ص	ṣ
ض	ḍ
ط	ṭ
ظ	ẓ
ع	ʿ
غ	gh
ف	f
ق	q
ك	k
ل	l
م	m
ن	n
ه	h
و	w / ū
ي	y / ī / iyy

List of abbreviations

ASI	Association for the Social Initiative
CCEO	*Codex Canonum Ecclesiarum Orientalium*; Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches
CEDAW	Convention of Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women
CLPS	Catholic Law of Personal Status
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
L.R.	*Lois et Réglements*
OLFR	Ottoman Law of Family Rights
SCFA	Syrian Commission for Family Affairs
SLPS	Syrian Law of Personal Status