

## ***Approaching The Quran Early Revelations Michael A Sells***

This book is unique in its approach to the Qur'an. It argues the point that only God could author such a book, and that Muhammad could have never produced anything like it. While this objective has been attempted by several Muslim scholars who highlighted one aspect or another of the topics highlighted in the Qur'an, Dr. Draz's works is perhaps the first that relies totally on the merits of the Qur'anic text for an irrefutable proof. Dr. Draz discusses the arguments made at the time of the Prophet and later on which suggested that the Qur'an was taught to Muhammad by various teachers, and shows how they all collapse at the first test. When he has irrefutably established the fact that the Qur'an could only be a divine revelation, Dr. Draz goes on to analyze the Qur'anic style, showing how it combines merits that could never be found together in any human writing. Equipped with a profound literary sense and a powerful Arabic style, Dr. Draz discusses the main characteristics of the Qur'anic style, as well as the unity of theme that runs through each chapter , or surah. The

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work is now presented to English readers as it gives students of the Qur'an valuable insight, enabling them to understand the Qur'an better.

The final book of the Bible, Revelation prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions, grisly images and numerological predictions. According to these, empires will fall, the "Beast" will be destroyed and Christ will rule a new Jerusalem. With an introduction by Will Self.

In *Memories of Muhammad: Why the Prophet Matters*, leading Islamic scholar Omid Safi presents a portrait of Muhammad that reveals his centrality in the devotions of modern Muslims around the world. This religious biography offers new insights into Islam, covering such hot button issues such as the spread of Islam, holy wars, the role of women, the significance of Jerusalem, tensions with Jews and Christians, wahabbi Islam, and the role of cyberspace in the evolution of the religion.

A fresh look at Muhammad Asad's classic English translation and explanation of the Qur'an is offered in this redesigned and updated edition of his work. A new typeset and index is complimented with a prologue by the distinguished British Muslim Gai

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Eaton and original artwork by internationally renowned artist and scholar Dr. Ahmed Moustafa. Asad's translation is widely considered to be the foremost in conveying the meaning and sensibility of the original Arabic text, making this edition a must-have for English readers with a budding interest in Islamic studies and veteran scholars alike.

An Eternal Challenge

A Concise Introduction

Second Edition

An Introduction

Discovering the Qur'an

Memories of Muhammad

Sufi, Qur'an, Miraj, Poetic and

Theological Writings

***Huston Smith, the author of the classic bestseller *The World's Religions*, delivers a passionate, timely message: The human spirit is being suffocated by the dominant materialistic worldview of our times. Smith champions a society in which religion is once again treasured and authentically practiced as the vital source of human wisdom.***

***A comprehensive introduction to Islam.***

***Acclaimed worldwide as the definitive biography of the Prophet Muhammad in the English language, Martin Lings' *Muhammad: His Life Based to the Earliest Sources* is unlike any other. Based on Arabic sources of the***

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*eighth and ninth centuries, of which some important passages are translated here for the first time, it owes the freshness and directness of its approach to the words of men and women who heard Muhammad speak and witnessed the events of his life. Martin Lings has an unusual gift for narrative. He has adopted a style which is at once extremely readable and reflects both the simplicity and grandeur of the story. The result is a book which will be read with equal enjoyment by those already familiar with Muhammad's life and those coming to it for the first time. Muhammad: His Life Based to the Earliest Sources was given an award by the government of Pakistan, and selected as the best biography of the Prophet in English at the National Seerat Conference in Islamabad in 1983.*

*This book is concerned with the rationality and plausibility of the Muslim faith and the Qur'an, and in particular how they can be interrogated and understood through Western analytical philosophy. It also explores how Islam can successfully engage with the challenges posed by secular thinking. The Quran and the Secular Mind will be of interest to students and scholars of Islamic philosophy, philosophy of religion, Middle East studies, and political Islam.*

*The Study Quran*

*Ibn Taymiyyah on Reason and Revelation*

*Reclaiming Shari'ah in the Modern Age*

*Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*

***A Survival Guide***

***A Study of Dar' Ta'arud Al-'aql Wa-l-naql  
Revelation***

An Introduction to Islam, Fourth Edition, provides students with a thorough, unified and topical introduction to the global religious community of Islam. In addition, the author's extensive field work, experience, and scholarship combined with his engaging writing style and passion for the subject also sets his text apart. An Introduction to Islam places Islam within a cultural, political, social, and religious context, and examines its connections with Judeo-Christian morals. Its integration of the doctrinal and devotional elements of Islam enables readers to see how Muslims think and live, engendering understanding and breaking down stereotypes. This text also reviews pre-Islamic history, so readers can see how Islam developed historically.

This work is geared towards a Muslim audience. The author's intention is to make Muslim contacts with those of other faiths more productive. Includes spirituality, theological differences between Christianity and Islam, practices compared, secularism, and da'wa (call to faith).

This latest edition of Discovering the Qur'an includes a new preface by the author. Used by students around the world as a reliable guide to reading a translation of the Qur'an, it shows how the Qur'an is

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experienced by Muslims, describing the rhythmic and rhyme scheme structures, the context in which it is heard, the part played by learning by heart, and the importance of calligraphy. It is also about the Qur'an and its relationship to Muhammed, as well as helping to divine the ordering of the surahs or chapters. In an English-speaking world newly sensitized to Islam and its believers, Discovering the Qur'an will be an invaluable tool to greater understanding.

THE collection of papers in this volume documents the study of Islam in American Universities. Over the last few decades the United States has seen significant growth in the study of Islam and Islamic societies in institutions of higher learning fueled primarily by events including economic relations of the U.S. with Muslim countries, migration of Muslims into the country, conversion of Americans to Islam, U.S. interests in Arab oil resources, involvement of Muslims in the American public square, and the tragic events of 9/11. Although there is increasing recognition that the study of Islam and the role of Muslims is strategically essential in a climate of global integration, multiculturalism, and political turmoil, nevertheless, the state of Islamic Studies in America is far from satisfactory. The issue needs to be addressed, particularly as the need for intelligent debate and understanding is continuously stifled by what some have termed an "Islam industry" run

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primarily by fly-by journalists, think tank pundits, and cut-and-paste “experts.”

Its History and Place in Muslim Life

The Essential Muhammad Shahrur

Invitation to Islam

An Approach to the Quranic Sciences

The State of Islamic Studies in American Universities

The Story of the Qur'an

*This is the first book-length presentation of Muhammad Shahrur's ideas in English, explaining his ideas on the need for a contemporary re-reading of the Qur'an, a reform of Islamic law and the necessity of freedom of belief in Islam, and other vital issues of Islamic thought and practice.*

*Presents brilliant translations of the short, hymnic chapters, or suras, associated with the first revelations to the Prophet Muhammad. Most of these early revelations appear at the end of the written text and are commonly reached only by the most resolute reader of existing English translations. These suras contain some of the most powerful prophetic and revelatory passages in religious history. They offer the vision of a meaningful and just life that anchors the religion of one-fifth of the world's inhabitants. The book is enriched by the inclusion of a CD recording of Quranic reciters chanting several of the early suras, allowing readers an opportunity to hear the Qur'an in its original form.*

*This volume studies how the literary elements in the Qur'an function in conveying its religious message effectively. It is divided into three parts. Part one includes studies of the whole Qur'an or large segments of it belonging to one historical period of its revelation; these studies concentrate on the analysis of its language, its style, its structural composition, its*

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*aesthetic characteristics, its rhetorical devices, its imagery, and the impact of these elements and their significance. Part two includes studies on individual suras of the Qur'an, each of which focuses on the sura's literary elements and how they produce meaning; each also explores the structure of this meaning and the coherence of its effect. Part three includes studies on Muslim appreciations of the literary aspects of the Qur'an in past generations and shows how modern linguistic, semantic, semiotic, and literary scholarship can add to their contributions.*

*In light of recent concern over Shari'ah, such as proposed laws to prohibit it in the United States and conflict over the role it should play in the new Egyptian constitution, many people are confused about the meaning of Shari'ah in Islam and its role in the world today. In Reasoning with God, renowned Islamic scholar Khaled Abou El Fadl explains not only what Shari'ah really means, but also the way it can revitalize and reengage contemporary Islam. After a prologue that provides an essential overview of Shari'ah, Abou El Fadl explores the moral trajectory of Islam in today's world. Weaving powerful personal stories with broader global examples, he shows the ways that some interpretations of Islam today have undermined its potential in peace and love. Rather than simply outlining challenges, however, the author provides constructive suggestions about how Muslims can reengage the ethical tradition of their faith through Shari'ah. As the world's second largest religion, Islam remains an important force on the global stage. Reasoning with God takes readers—both Muslim and non-Muslim—beyond superficial understandings of Shari'ah to a deeper understanding of its meaning and potential.*

*Whoredom Sutra*

*The Qur'an, Morality and Critical Reason*

*Daughter of Islam*



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*How to Read the Qur'an*

*War and Peace in Islam*

*Early Islamic Mysticism*

*The Philosophy of Divine Revelation*

Prefect introduction to Christianity and Islam through the fundamental topic of revelation.

War and Peace in Islam: The Uses and Abuses of Jihad aims to reveal the real meaning of jihad and to rectify many of the misunderstandings that surround both it and Islam's relation with the 'Other'.

Fourteen centuries of Islamic thought have produced a legacy of interpretive readings of the Qu'ran written almost entirely by men. Now, with *Qu'ran and Woman*, Amina Wadud provides a first interpretive reading by a woman, a reading which validates the female voice in the Qu'ran and brings it out of the shadows. Muslim progressives have long argued that it is not the religion but patriarchal interpretation and implementation of the Qu'ran that have kept women oppressed. For many, the way to reform is the reexamination and reinterpretation of religious texts. *Qu'ran and Woman* contributes a gender inclusive reading to one of the most fundamental disciplines in Islamic thought, Qu'ranic exegesis. Wadud breaks down specific texts and key words which have been used to limit women's public and private role, even to justify violence toward Muslim women, revealing that their original meaning and context defy such interpretations. What her analysis clarifies is the lack of gender bias, precedence, or prejudice in the essential language of the Qur'an. Despite much Qu'ranic evidence about the significance of women, gender reform in

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Muslim society has been stubbornly resisted. Wadud's reading of the Qu'ran confirms women's equality and constitutes legitimate grounds for contesting the unequal treatment that women have experienced historically and continue to experience legally in Muslim communities. The Qu'ran does not prescribe one timeless and unchanging social structure for men and women, Wadud argues lucidly, affirming that the Qu'ran holds greater possibilities for guiding human society to a more fulfilling and productive mutual collaboration between men and women than as yet attained by Muslims or non-Muslims. A "timely and provocative" biography of Islam's foundational text: "The history of the book is a map of the world we live in today" (Tribune-Review). Few books in history have been as poorly understood as the Qur'an. Sent down in a series of revelations to the Prophet Muhammad, the Qur'an is the unmediated word of Allah: a ritual, political, and legal authority; an ethical and spiritual guide; and a literary masterpiece that inspires devotion, passion, fear, and sometimes incomprehension. In *The Qur'an*, historian and Islamic Studies professor Bruce Lawrence shows precisely how the Qur'an is the embodiment of Islam. He describes the origins of the faith in seventh-century Arabia and explains why the Qur'an is memorized and recited by devout Muslims. Lawrence also discusses the Qur'an's commentators and doubters and assesses its tremendous influence on today's societies and politics. Above all, Lawrence emphasizes that the Qur'an is a sacred book of signs that cannot be reduced to a single, obvious message. It is a book that demands

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interpretation and one that can be properly understood only through its long and storied history. “An important work for those seeking to understand—and defend—Islam.” —Kirkus Reviews  
The Quran and the Secular Mind  
Islam

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Observing the Observer  
A New Translation and Commentary  
The Bridge Betrayed

A Thematic Commentary on the Qur'an

*This popular introduction by a well-known Islamic scholar has been updated and expanded, offering a balanced portrayal of the Qur'an and its place in historic and contemporary Muslim society. Features new sections on the Qur'an and its relationship to democracy, science, human rights, and the role of women Contains expanded sections on the Qur'an in the life cycle of Muslims, and in Islamic ethics and law Incorporates additional images and student features, including a glossary. Supported by an accompanying website (available on publication) hosting a range of additional material, including student resources, links to important websites, news stories, and more This title is also available as an eTextbook on the CourseSmart platform, as a Wiley Desktop Edition, or via your preferred eTextbook vendor; eTextbooks offer convenience, enhanced electronic functionality, and flexible pricing options – learn more at [www.wiley.com/college/wileyflex](http://www.wiley.com/college/wileyflex) Originally titled The Religions of Man, this completely revised and updated edition of Smith's*

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*masterpiece, now with an engaging new foreword, explores the essential elements and teachings of the world's predominant faiths, including: Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity, and the native traditions of the Americas, Australia, Africa, and Oceania.*

*Emphasizing the inner -- rather than institutional -- dimensions of these religions, Smith devotes special attention to Zen and Tibetan Buddhism, Sufism, and the teachings of Jesus. He convincingly conveys the unique appeal and gifts of each of the traditions and reveals their hold on the human heart and imagination.*

*"An essential introduction to the philosophy and practice of the mystical tradition of Islam."--Cover. The Whoredom Sutra, widely accepted as The Holy Qu'ran of Thelema, was deemed for publication before the death of Aleister Crowley. A legendary companion of The Book of the Law, this sacred text is filled with hidden tantric formulas for the said purpose of accomplishing the great work of Whoredom according to the Law of Thelema.*

*Whoredom Sutra is the only scriptural authoritative text that illustrates the spiritual value of whoredom and the enlightenment that an open sexual lifestyle can breed when approached with sincerity. This book covers a wide array of sexual topics that can be understood and also utilized by those outside the circles of Thelema and within. including the subject of spirits and genies' interest in human sexuality. Anyone interested in whoredom will find this book to be the hidden treasure that they were looking for. The Book of the Jihad of 'Ali ibn Tahir al-Sulami (d. 1106)*

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*Major Themes of the Qur'an*

*A Biography*

*Safina*

*The Holy Qu'ran of Thelema*

*Why Religion Matters*

*Qur'an and Woman*

In this book the Promised Messiah, on whom be peace, discusses the philosophy of divine revelation, the three categories of people who claim to receive revelation, and the distinction of the truthful from the false. He then establishes his truthfulness by documenting over 200 Signs, including the fulfillment of prophecies made by the Holy Prophet Muhammad, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, other men of God, earlier scriptures, and his own revelations spanning over twenty-five years. The author cites numerous examples of his enemies who publicly predicted his downfall and demise, only to become the very victims of their own prophecies. God, however, protected him against every assault, while continuously reassuring him of His promise to bless his Community—a promise which continues to bear the seal and testimony of history. The author also appeals to the followers of different faiths to read this book cover to cover to appreciate and accept this evidence as proof that God is One and the Holy Prophet Muhammad is the Messenger of God, and that he is the Promised Messiah raised to unite humanity under the banner of Islam.

In 1105, six years after the first crusaders from

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Europe conquered Jerusalem, a Damascene Muslim jurist named 'Ali ibn Tahir al-Sulami (d. 1106) publicly dictated an extended call to the military jihad (holy war) against the European invaders. Entitled *Kitab al-Jihad* (The Book of the Jihad), al-Sulami's work both summoned his Muslim brethren to the jihad and instructed them in the manner in which it ought to be conducted, covering topics as diverse as who should fight and be fought, treatment of prisoners and plunder, and the need for participants to fight their own inner sinfulness before turning their efforts against the enemy. Al-Sulami's text is vital for a complete understanding of the Muslim reaction to the crusades, providing the reader with the first contemporary record of Muslim preaching against the crusaders. However, until recently only a small part of the text has been studied by modern scholars, as it has remained for the most part an unedited manuscript. In this book Niall Christie provides a complete edition and the first full English translation of the extant sections (parts 2, 8, 9 and 12) of the manuscript of al-Sulami's work, making it fully available to modern readers for the first time. These are accompanied by an introductory study exploring the techniques that the author uses to motivate his audience, the precedents that influenced his work, and possible directions for future study of the text. In addition, an appendix provides translations of jihad sermons by Ibn Nubata

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al-Fariqi (d. 985), a preacher from Asia Minor whose rhetorical style was highly influential in the development of al-Sulami's work.

The book is an insight into the facts of the Qur'an, nature of revelation, sequence of revelations different readings, the miracles of the Qur'an and so on. They have been explained in everyday language and they remove all doubts and misgivings. The criticism of the orientalist are answered with authoritative references.

In Ibn Taymiyya on Reason and Revelation, Carl Sharif El-Tobgui offers a comprehensive analysis of Ibn Taymiyya's ten-volume magnum opus, *Dar' ta'ru' al-'aql wa-l-naql*, elucidating its author's foundational reconstitution of rationality through the multifaceted ontological, epistemological, and linguistic reforms he carries out.

Reasoning with God

An Introduction to Islam

The Fate of the Human Spirit in an Age of Disbelief

The Meccan Revelations

The Uses and Abuses of Jihad

A Contemporary Approach to a Veiled Text

A Philosophy of Islam

***The recent atrocities in Bosnia-Herzegovina have stunned people throughout the world. With Holocaust memories still painfully vivid, a question haunts us: how is this savagery possible? Michael A. Sells answers by demonstrating that the Bosnian conflict is not simply a civil war or a feud of age-old***

***adversaries. It is, he says, a systematic campaign of genocide and a Christian holy war spurred by religious mythologies. This passionate yet reasoned book examines how religious stereotyping—in popular and official discourse—has fueled Serbian and Croatian ethnic hatreds. Sells, who is himself Serbian American, traces the cultural logic of genocide to the manipulation by Serb nationalists of the symbolism of Christ's death, in which Muslims are "Christ-killers" and Judases who must be mercilessly destroyed. He shows how "Christoslavic" religious nationalism became a central part of Croat and Serbian politics, pointing out that intellectuals and clergy were key instruments in assimilating extreme religious and political ideas. Sells also elucidates the ways that Western policy makers have rewarded the perpetrators of the genocide and punished the victims. He concludes with a discussion of how the multireligious nature of Bosnian society has been a bridge between Christendom and Islam, symbolized by the now-destroyed bridge at Mostar. Drawing on historical documents, unpublished United Nations reports, articles from Serbian and Bosnian media, personal contacts in the region, and Internet postings, Sells reveals the central role played by religious mythology in the Bosnian tragedy. In addition, he makes clear how much is at stake for the entire world in the struggle to preserve Bosnia's existence as a multireligious society.***

***When the American Ambassador to Iraq announces her true identity and sparks the Arab Revolution and Reformation of Islam on a global scale, the world is turned upside down. "Safina" is the first book in a trilogy that spans three generations of thrilling***



***intrigue and battles, and tells her story of courageous commitment to the struggle for freedom around the globe. From Safina's cruel beginning as an abused eleven year old child bride in the deserts of Iraq, to the highest society of European aristocracy and power, she joins forces with Lieutenant Colonel, Brecken Petersen, a United States Marine Special Forces combat-hardened veteran, and takes her position as the most powerful leader on the planet. She fights every inch of her way from Basra to Amsterdam, and to Paris, on to Washington DC and finally to Egypt. She establishes the UFAS, (United Federation of Arab States), and recruits member states around the world to join the UFN (United Free Nations). Safina and her fellow revolutionaries fight to liberate Islam from 1400 years of barbaric enslavement of half its population - women. The United States Government is in flux, on the verge of civil war. Europe is wounded, and pockets of serious counter insurgencies continue to be a source of concern. Safina recruits Claude Molyneau, a world banker and financier who attempts to restore the financial foundations of Europe, and the monetary solvency of the United States. Readers who relish intrigue and espionage will like this novel. Those who appreciate a sophisticated love story will be engaged with all of their emotional and erotic senses. Individuals who thrill to the perfectly choreographed hand-to-hand combat and the expert use of martial arts and sophisticated weaponry will be in their element. Science geeks will recognize state-of-the-art new technologies that will be deployed in the near future. Political junkies will revel in the behind-the-scenes***

***machinations that propel the world to the brink of ruination. They will glimpse what is likely to occur when Iran achieves nuclear weapons and an effective delivery system to attack Israel. Safina survives multiple attempts on her life until the last page of this book when it seems that all may be lost except.....***

***In this introduction to the Qur'an, Fazlur Rahman unravels its complexities on themes such as God, society, revelation, and prophecy.***

***Muhammad and the People of Book by Sahaja Carimokam asks the question, what was the nature of Muhammad's relationship to non-Muslims, particularly Jews and Christians, and how did it change over time? This work is based on a chronological reading of the chapters of the Qur'an supplemented with Muslim commentary literature and biographical materials on the life of Muhammad. Carimokam traces Muhammad's evolving religious viewpoint based on his borrowings of primarily Jewish and some Christian traditional/apocryphal materials. He shows how Muhammad's inaccurate and anachronistic rendition of Jewish traditional literature ensured that the Jews would reject him as a Prophet. This rejection led to his ultimatum to the Jews early in the Medinan period of the Qur'an and culminated with his call to Jihad against all non-Muslims, including those Jews and Christians who refused to acknowledge his Prophethood. The origins of takfir, declaring Muslims to be non-Muslims, are considered. Comparisons are made of moderate and traditional interpreters of the Qur'an. Historical-critical issues regarding the background provided by Muslim historical propaganda is considered in one***

**chapter. The book concludes with a controversial issue for the interpretation of Islamic law in the 21st century based on the actual canonical practices of Muhammad.**

**Catholic & Muslim Perspectives**

**A New Guide, with Select Translations**

**Literary Structures of Religious Meaning in the Qu'ran**

**Text, Translation and Commentary**

**Haqiqatul-Wahi**

**The Early Revelations**

**His Life Based on the Earliest Sources**

This volume makes available and accessible the writings of the crucial early period of Islamic mysticism during which Sufism developed as one of the world's major mystical traditions. The texts are accompanied by commentary on their historical, literary and philosophical context.

An accessible and accurate translation of the Quran that offers a rigorous analysis of its theological, metaphysical, historical, and geographical teachings and backgrounds, and includes extensive study notes, special introductions by experts in the field, and is edited by a top modern Islamic scholar, respected in both the West and the Islamic world. Drawn from a wide range of traditional Islamic commentaries, including Sunni and Shia sources, and from legal, theological, and mystical texts, The Study Quran conveys the enduring spiritual power of the Quran and offers a thorough scholarly understanding of this holy text. Beautifully packaged with a rich, attractive two-color layout, this magnificent volume includes essays by 15 contributors, maps, useful notes and annotations in an easy-to-read two-column format, a timeline of historical events, and helpful indices. With The Study Quran, both scholars and lay readers can explore the deeper spiritual meaning of the Quran, examine the grammar of difficult sections, and explore legal

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and ritual teachings, ethics, theology, sacred history, and the importance of various passages in Muslim life. With an introduction by its general editor, Seyyed Hossein Nasr, here is a nearly 2,000-page, continuous discussion of the entire Quran that provides a comprehensive picture of how this sacred work has been read by Muslims for over 1,400 years.

For anyone, non-Muslim or Muslim, who wants to know how to approach, read, and understand the text of the Qur'an, *How to Read the Qur'an* offers a compact introduction and reader's guide. Using a chronological reading of the text according to the conclusions of modern scholarship, Carl W. Ernst offers a nontheological approach that treats the Qur'an as a historical text that unfolded over time, in dialogue with its audience, during the career of the Prophet Muhammad.

In a multi-faith world, Islam is widely regarded as dogmatic and exclusivist. Yet in the Qur'an we have a great and worthy example of how to live in diversity, of powerful scriptural tenets that lend themselves precisely to engagement with those of other faiths. As such Islam has much to add to the debate on Religious Pluralism. For Muslims the issue is a delicate one. Aside from being tolerant and respectful of other faiths, advocating freedom of faith, and peaceful coexistence for all humanity, Muslims have to intellectually engage on matters of religious truth whilst defending the validity of their own Islamic tenets. This study is focused on the Qur'anic text. It explores the Qur'anic conception of normative religious pluralism with a view to providing answers to questions such as whether the Qur'an itself regards normative religious pluralism as a value system or simply a method through which the Qur'anic world view can be actualized. In doing so the author corrects some highly controversial misquoted, mistranslated, and/or quoted out of context verses of the Qur'an, including the so-called verse of the sword and the perception of not taking non-Muslims as friends. In reality, the Qur'an calls for freedom

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**of faith and peaceful coexistence, but condemns oppression, religious persecution, and those who initiate hostilities. In this way it not only invokes human dignity, but restores it when it is violated.**

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**The Qur'an**

**A Short Introduction**

**What Everyone Should Know about Islam and Muslims**

**Muhammad**

**Rereading the Sacred Text from a Woman's Perspective**

**Approaching the Qur'án**

"Approaching the Qur'an captures the complexity, power, and poetry of the early suras, or chapters, of the Qur'an, the sacred scripture of Islam.

Michael Sells presents brilliant translations of the short, hymnic suras associated with the first revelations to the Prophet Muhammad. In the second edition, Sells offers a new translation and commentary on the Sura of the Compassionate (al-Rahmān), which holds a special place within Islamic devotion and literature. Additionally, a new preface addresses the ongoing controversy over teaching about Islam and the Qur'an in American universities."--Publisher.

The South African Muslim scholar and social activist shares his insights into several important Islamic themes found in the Qur'an, including justice, truth, and gender relations. Original.

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**The Shambhala Guide to Sufism**