

**Islam – Beliefs, Practices, Branches – An Annotated Bibliography –By Rosalie Cuneo Amer
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Introductory Works

Esposito, John L. Islam: The Straight Path. 5th ed. Oxford UP, 2015.

Latest edition of one of the best introductions to Islam in English. Surveys the faith, beliefs, and practice of Muslims from the 7th century to contemporary times. Author is a prolific scholar affiliated with Georgetown University,

Murata, Sachiko and William Chittick. The Vision of Islam. Paragon House, 1994.

Beautifully written by two scholars at SUNY Stony Brook, this work covers the four dimensions of Islam: practice, faith, spirituality, and the Islamic worldview.

Al-Qur'an: English Translation, Bilingual (Arabic) Editions, Reading, Themes, Style, History, and Exegesis

Abdel Haleem, M.A.S. Exploring the Qur'an: Context and Impact. I.B. Tauris, 2017.

A scholar of Arabic and the Qur'an at SOAS in London responds to the scriptural image advanced by Western and Muslim writers, and extremist ideologies. Includes controversial concepts analyzing the meaning of the Arabic term in context with historical impact. A "must read" for interfaith understanding of the Qur'an.

_____. Understanding the Qur'an: Themes and Style. I.B. Tauris, 2010, reprint edition.

Themes include water, marriage/divorce, war/peace, tolerance, life/ beyond, paradise, the divine and human face, and Adam and Eve.

Ali, Ahmed, tr. Al-Qur'an: A Contemporary Translation. Princeton UP, 2001.

A popular English translation of the Qur'an with Arabic text. Contains an index.

Mattson, Ingrid. The Story of the Qur'an: Its History and Place in Muslim Life. 2d ed. Wiley- Blackwell, 2013.

Canadian author was Professor in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at the Hartford Seminary, and recent President of the Islamic Society of North America. An introduction to the Qur'an and what it means to be a Muslim today.

Qur'an. English. 2015. The Study Qur'an: A New Translation and Commentary. S. H. Nasr, editor-in-chief. HarperCollins, 2015.

A monumental study in retrieving and interpreting Qur'anic verses in English that was headed by an editing team led by Dr. Seyyed Hossein Nasr, a renowned Muslim scholar at George Washington University.

The Hadith and the Law

Asad, Muhammad, tr. Sahih Al-Bukhari: The Early Years of Islam, Being the Historical Chapters. . . Compiled by Imam Al-Bukhari. Gibraltar: Dar Al-Andalus, 1981. O.P.

English translation with Arabic text and explanation of main Sunni hadith source. Contains the early traditions of the Prophet Muhammad, his companions, first wives, daughter Fatima, and first campaigns.

Siddiqi, Muhammad. Hadith Literature: Its Origin, Development and Special Features. Islamic Texts Society, 1993.

Basic introduction in English presenting aspects of the subject.

Shiism

Nasr, Seyyed Hossein, Hamid Dabashi, Seyyed Vali Reza Nasr, eds. Shi-ism: Doctrines, Thought, and Spirituality. Albany: State University of New York P, 1988.

S.H. Nasr is also a leading Muslim scholar in the Shia tradition. His son, Vali Nasr, today has become one of the leading political scientists in the U.S. post-9/11.

Peace – Islam

Huda, Qamar-ul, ed. Crescent and Dove: Peace and Conflict Resolution in Islam. U.S. Institute of Peace, 2010.

Collected essays by Muslim scholars and peace-builders on conflict in Islam and exploring practical aspects of modern peacemaking in Muslim countries. This work demonstrates that fostering values of peace in Muslim communities, builds practice of effective conflict resolution within a framework of Islam and engagement of Muslim leaders.

New Approaches to Tolerance, Religious Violence and Extremism, inside Islam

Akyol, Mustafa. The Islamic Jesus: How the King of the Jews Became a Prophet of the Muslims. St. Martin's Press, 2017.

A Turkish columnist for the *NYT* presents a new approach to Christology and the Islamic view of Jesus' message. A respectful and loving study of Jesus within the Abrahamic legacy.

Gerges, Fawaz A. ISIS: A History. Princeton University UP, 2016.

An analytical, perceptive, and authoritative study on extremist Muslim movements. Traces the history of ISIS and jihadism.

Nawaz, Maajid and Tom Bromley. Radical: My Journey out of Islamist Extremism. Lyons Press, 2013.

A personal journey by a young U.K. Muslim, enamored of extremist ideology, who followed that path, imprisoned in Egypt, then rejected it. He formed a network, Quilliam, that is committed to stopping the Islamic call in Europe to join global extremism.

For Asian Pacific American Heritage Week lecture on *Global Islam* at Cosumnes River College in 2016. Updated 2017-2019.