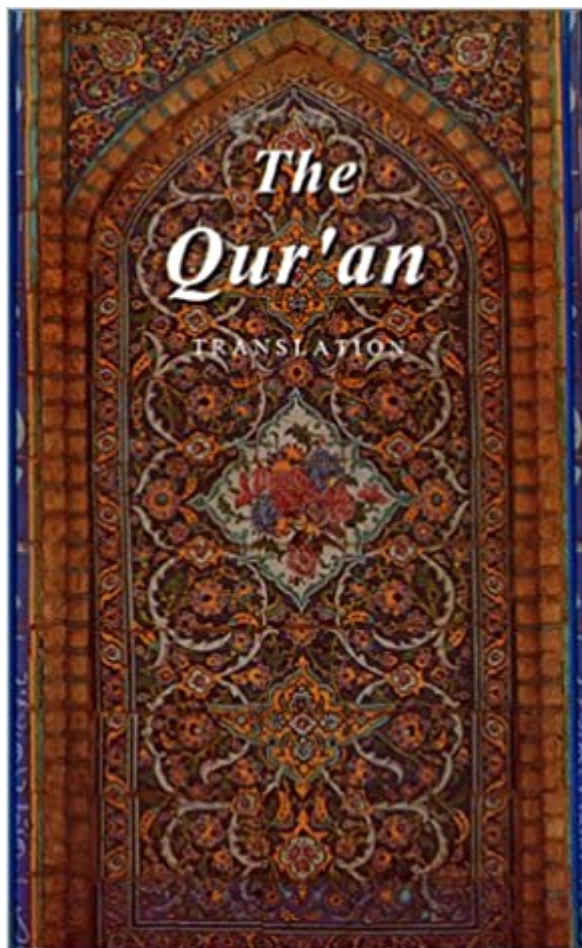


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The Qur'an: A Translation



Synopsis

This English translation of the Qur'an is a compilation of the Muslim faith's Final Revelation from God to mankind through the last Prophet Muhammad, Peace be upon Him. The Qur'an has a wealth of information--both worldly wisdom and intellectual concepts--providing a code of life for humankind generally and Muslims in particular. Indeed, the Qur'an's miracle lies in its ability to offer something to non-believers and everything to believers. This edition is fully indexed.

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It's an OK translation, but since the Qur'an is not ordered in chronological order, most non-Muslims will be left scratching their heads (or go completely over their heads) as the Surahs (Chapters of the Qur'an) reads more like a manila folders of gathered thoughts/notes. I highly recommend "The Noble Quran: Interpretation of the Meanings of the Noble Qur'an in the English Language (English and Arabic Edition) (Hardcover)" translation. It includes "A summarized version of At-Tabari, Al-Qurtubi and Ibn Kathir with comments from Sahih Al-Bukhari" scattered throughout. Not only is the commentary absolutely fascinating, it will help give clarity and context to a reading of the Qur'an and in turn a better understanding of Islam.

As a Catholic I am interested in theology in general and therefore found it necessary to read The Qu'ran so as to have a basic understanding of the holy texts of the three faiths: Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Indeed reading both the Bible and The Qu'ran will give one a solid foundation of religious education so as to be better informed about the events that shape our world which, in most

instances, are a result of some religious conflict either amongst themselves or with the state. My rating is not a reflection of my spiritual reaction to this text. Eminently readable with a handy index it does, however, suffer from one glaring weakness. There are two types of Suras (chapters): Mecca and Medina. The revelations from Mecca are from the early period and the ones from Medina are of the later. This translation does not distinguish between them, a shame since The Qu'ran is not presented in chronological order. I had to look this information up for myself and made a notation at the beginning of each chapter so I would know which was which.

Purchased it to find out the truth and not what people say just like my bible. Using it to research the theology so I can understand the belief better.

I not a a Muslim, radical Islamic terrorists or a seeker of the Islamic faith, but I like to be equipped with correct information and understand the "what they believe". I feel this translation is to Americanized. I purchased a more authentic copy.

This Qu'ran is translated by an excellent 20th century scholar Yusef Ali! This was my first Qu'ran and I couldn't have been more pleased. The book is small, lightweight, and the paperback edition allows for a notes section in the back. I recommend this edition for Muslims and non-Muslims alike for it's compact design and introductory information about the Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).

I have been reading different religious texts, because of my agnostic belief. I was curious and wondering what all religions were like so I bought books for all of them including this one. I felt like this book helped me understand Islam/Muslim religion. Although I don't entirely agree with everything in the text, the book was still a really good read. I learned a lot about it. If you're curious about what it says in the book I would suggest this one. :)

The book I received was new. This appears to be an excellent translation. But, like all translations there are some limitations concerning interpretation. This copy of the Koran does not tell you what some words mean--for example a sura, Iblis and such. A sura, I think, is like a religious verse. There are several such words which do not have a 1 to1 english equivalent, so the translator leaves the words to stand alone. Technically, only a religious leader (an Imam) can properly interpret the Koran. Thus, if you have a violent Imam, he will find passages to 'forgive' his violence. If a peaceful man, he will find passages about peace. (This is unlike our Christian tradition which invites everyone

to own their own Bible, and to interpret it for themselves. However, The same restrictions apply--violent men apply it violently; non-violent men (and women) interpret it as the good news of the gospel of peace.) Read the Qur'an for an understanding of the world's affairs. and to perhaps understand your own religious tradition.

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