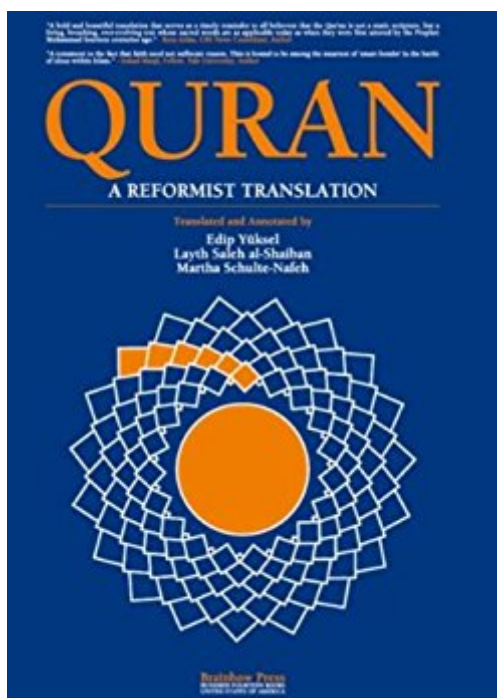


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Quran: A Reformist Translation (Koran, Kuran In Modern English)



Synopsis

The Reformist Translation of the Quran offers a non-sexist understanding of the divine text; it is the result of collaboration between three translators, two men and a woman. It explicitly rejects the right of the clergy to determine the likely meaning of disputed passages. It uses logic and the language of the Quran itself as the ultimate authority in determining likely meanings, rather than ancient scholarly interpretations rooted in patriarchal hierarchies. It offers extensive cross-referencing to the Bible and provides arguments on numerous philosophical and scientific issues. It is God's message for those who prefer reason over blind faith, for those who seek peace and ultimate freedom by submitting themselves to the Truth alone. A bold and beautiful translation that serves as a timely reminder to all believers that the Qur'an is not a static scripture, but a living, breathing, ever-evolving text whose sacred words are as applicable today as when they were first uttered by the Prophet Muhammad fourteen centuries ago. REZA ASLAN, CBS News Consultant; Author, No god but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam. A testament to the fact that faith need not suffocate reason. This is bound to be among the smartest of 'smart bombs' in the battle of ideas within Islam. IRSHAD MANJI, Fellow, Yale University and author, The Trouble with Islam Today: A Muslim's Call for Reform in Her Faith. Every conversation begins with a single voice. This Reformist Translation of the Quran and its ancillary materials should begin many conversations, between and among Muslims and non-Muslims alike. In many parts of the Muslim world this is a dangerous discussion, and sometimes that danger can reach well into the West, as evidenced by the 1990 fatwa-inspired murder of Rashad Khalifa in Tucson, Arizona. It is an important discussion, however, and the editors of this book have assumed this risk to argue for a perspective that sets violence aside both in discourse and living. One can imagine that a broader adoption of their perspective across the Muslim world would reduce strife and invite greater examination of Islam by non-Muslims as something other than a threat. It would expand the conversation. - MARK V SYKES Ph.D. J.D. Director, Planetary Science Institute. Very Interesting and Timely - RIFFAT HASSAN, Ph.D. Professor of Religious Studies and Humanities at the University of Louisville, Kentucky. A pioneer of feminist theology in the context of the Islamic tradition. I completely agree with you in your rejection of the right of any group to arrogate to themselves the sole interpretation of the Quran. The Quran, being a book containing divine knowledge and wisdom, can only be understood progressively. It has to be interpreted anew by every generation and through a scientific methodology. Your effort is praiseworthy. Well done. Keep it up. - KASSIM AHMAD, former president of Malaysian Socialist Party and head of Malaysian Quranic Society who was declared apostate by religious authorities for his controversial work on the Prophetic Traditions. This translation is the best tool for those who

want to understand the uncorrupted Message of Islam - justice and peace. This translation shows that the Quran is but the confirmation and continuation of God's system memorialized through Abraham, demonstrated in Torah through numerous prophets, and in the Hebrew Gospel through Yeshu'a/Jesus, the righteous of God. This translation is a message of peace, justice and judgment. I pray that the Reformist translation of the Quran will replace all others not only because it is the best but also because it is the closest to the original Arabic text. - GERSHOM KIBRISLI, theologian and communal leader, The Karaim of the Early Hebrew Scriptures, Holy Land & Benelux.

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Customer Reviews

Best Quran Translation I have read. I grew up in a non-arabic Muslim country and Arabic is not my native language. I always relied on translation of the Quran to understand my religion. There were some verses I could not understand even from the translation. I purchased the Reformist Translation and my world became upside down. I thought I was a Muslim but I realized that I was not following the Quran. With this translation I learned that to be in contact with the God I do not

need to speak Arabic but I need to understand what Allah was telling me. Thanks to all who contributed to this translation I now consider myself a peacemaker, the one who follows the path of Peace or a real MUSLIM. I am still learning and each time I read it I learn more. The notes at the end of each section (Surah) clear all the questions in my mind and makes me think one step ahead to be a better person. Cross referencing the verses is very smart and with the help of the end notes I can easily find similar topics. I am glad I came across with this copy. If you are a Muslim you need to have this version with you at all times to learn more about Allah; If you are an atheist or deist or agnostic or skeptic or a member of any other religion read this translation with an empty bucket (objectively) to learn about the real Islam. I now keep this translation right next to Mohammed Asad's translation and compare the translations to understand better. The unique thing about this translation is that author shows his ability of translating from Arabic to English without being influenced by contradicting information. Some translations explain some of the verses relying on "historical stories" but this Reformist Translation does not add stories to explanations. Instead of using unreliable data, Edip Yuksel uses Quranic verses to explain the other verses. You will see a lot of references from Quran to understand one verse. When ever i see a star at the end of the verse I know that it is referred in another verse and i go and find it to understand it better. I have to find a way to turn this paperback to a hardcopy, otherwise after turning the book upside down it will be all worn out. I had a question with couple of the verses and needed some clarification because it was translated differently at other translations including Asad's and I found the author and emailed him. He replied and explained the verses in details. Now I am confident in my religion after knowing that it is systematic not a coincidence and very logical. I grew up listening religious stories that could wipe the Twilight Zone Oscars and all those things did not make sense to me. After reading this Quran translation I learned that God wants me to listen to Him only. I am now free and as I read in all my daily prayers I only serve and ask for help from Allah only. Thanks again for setting me free and making me understand my religion.

This Quran is the TRUTH! I love this Quran because:- It isn't tainted by Hadith influence- Is easy to read- Uses the QURAN to translate the QURAN- Is very accurate! strongly recommend any Muslim to read this over any of the other translations.

I have a number of translations of the Qur'an. One of the reasons I chose this, is because I wanted a translation that is free of Wahhabi bias. Although this one is not my favorite translations (I prefer the translation by Muhammad Asad), I do like it quite a bit. My only real criticism is that I would have

liked to have seen more annotations. That aside, it's very readable. I'm no Qur'anic scholar nor am I a scholar of classical Arabic; and so cannot say how good the translation is. However, when comparing various passages with other translations that I have, it's very comparable.

It is about time. A current times translation. If you are embarrassed to tell your friends that you are Muslim, reading this will help.

If you like an intellectual approach to learning about Islam or someone who requires evidence before accepting things rather than blindly "believing" without using logic, then this is a great book. If you just want to believe what people tell you without questioning, then you've probably not read the Quran and this book is not for you.

This translation is not a bad effort but I am afraid that people who have never read the Quran before will find it confusing. I have read your Turkish translation and found it much more convincing. I believe that some of your endnotes are confusing. I would like to offer some constructive criticism in that regard. I am specifically talking about your referral to code 19. This may or may not be true. It may very well show the miraculousness of the structure of the Quranic verses. However, it does not prove or disprove any particular verse. It is the verses themselves that do that. The existence of code 19 is completely irrelevant to the meaning of the verses and it only adds to the confusion. My recommendation would be for them to be completely taken out in future editions. I think this will be particularly helpful for first time readers who do not know anything about it. My second criticism would be your extensive referral to the Bible. However, the Bible is an extraneous source that is corrupted just like the hadith. So it doesn't make sense to refer to the Bible while at the same time discouraging referral to the hadith. I think it would be better to only use examples from real life and to only refer to other verses when making your point, just like you did in the Turkish translation. Otherwise, you may give the impression that you are interpreting the Quran to suit the meaning of the Bible which I know you are not trying to do. My other recommendation would be to offer a transliteration of the verses with word by word translation, with all possible meanings of the root words, in order for the reader to come up with and to be convinced of the most appropriate translation/interpretation. There are in fact resources on the web such as the website [...] that allow the reader to look up individual words. I believe that a print version of a word by word translation would be a good idea. Overall, I believe that this translation is good and convincing but there is room for improvement. I commend your extensive efforts, with your many books, to spread the true

message of Islam rid of the corrupting influence of hadiths and to show the world how close true Islam is to Western society. May God bless you and your family in this world and in the hereafter.

Loving this translation. Despite the attempted controversy by people that just don't like the author or the author's teacher, the book just feels more accurate and intentional. Is it a precise and exact copy of the Quran as it was intended? I don't know, but then I don't know if the King James Version of the Bible is either since I don't speak either original language. All I can go by is what it sounds and feels like when reading/studying it, and to me it feels right.

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