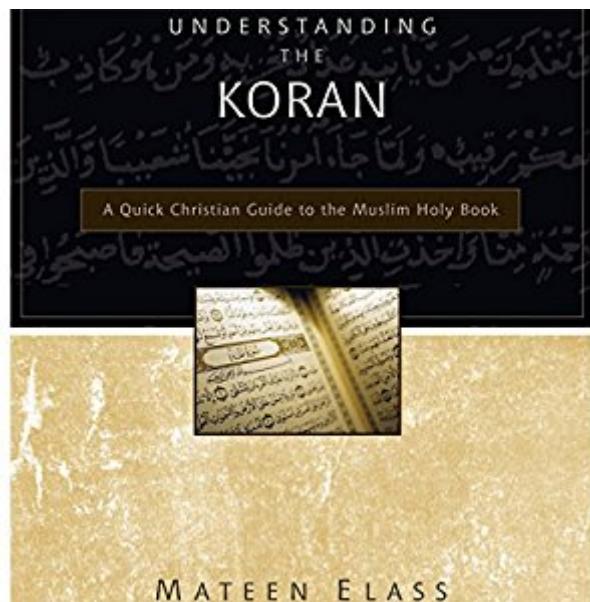


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Understanding The Koran: A Quick Christian Guide To The Muslim Holy Book



Synopsis

Did you know that the Koran teaches the virgin birth and miracle-filled, prophetic ministry of Jesus? Claims to fully embrace his teachings? Reveres Abraham, Moses, Jonah, and other biblical prophets? Find out how the Koran resembles the Bible-and the drastic ways in which it differs. Understanding the Koran gives you a fascinating essential grasp of Islam's holy book: where it came from, what it teaches, how Muslims view it, and how the Allah of the Koran compares with the God of the Bible. Cherished as the final, perfect revelation of God's will by 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide, the Koran has become a part of American life. Today, those who read and memorize it may work in your town, shop where you shop, or send their children to the same school your kids attend. What do you know about the holy book that shapes the lives and eternal destinies of your neighbors and a fifth of the world's population? While some similarities exist between the Koran and the Bible, the differences are striking. Written by a pastor who was born to a Muslim father and raised in Saudi Arabia, Understanding the Koran gives you a fascinating, easy-to-understand overview that will show you: Why the background behind the Koran is important How the Koran came into existence A summary of the main teachings of the Koran, including what it says about Jesus and the crucifixion Similarities and differences between Muslim and Christian views of God What the Koran teaches about Jihad and holy war What the Koran teaches about heaven and hell. More than furnishing you with an essential grasp of Islam's holy book, Understanding the Koran points you to the one thing that can draw your Muslim friends to Jesus-his love, demonstrated to them through you. Discussion questions enable you to use this book in group studies.

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It's vital for Christians to intimately know their foundational holy book, the Bible. But it's also important to have an idea of what other religions teach as well, if only for facilitating respectful dialogue with those of different beliefs. With the plethora of resources available, there's no excuse for ignorance in this regard. However, it can be tough enough mastering Christian doctrines, much less trying to learn tenets of other faiths. "Understanding the Koran" is a welcome help in that regard (please keep in mind that it's written with a Christian slant, as you've probably guessed). The author discusses some surprising and relevant facts about the Koran. For example, he reveals how the standard version of the Koran was decided upon more for political than religious reasons. As for doctrinal issues, he spotlights Koranic vs. Biblical views of God (one God/one person vs. one God/three persons) and Jesus (human prophet vs. fully human/fully God savior/intercessor). That was particularly interesting to me, since some claim that all religions point to the same God. If so, then how can two of the world's largest religions differ concerning His nature, character, and how we must relate to Him? Perhaps a choice must be made - one that has both earthly and eternal consequences. At any rate, some of the critiques he uses on the Koran's origin and canonization have also been leveled against the Bible (just ask the "Gospel of Thomas" advocates, or any skeptic). However, the author doesn't really acknowledge those issues. I would have appreciated seeing the two compared and contrasted, especially how the Bible's creation and compilation stacks up to that of the Koran.

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