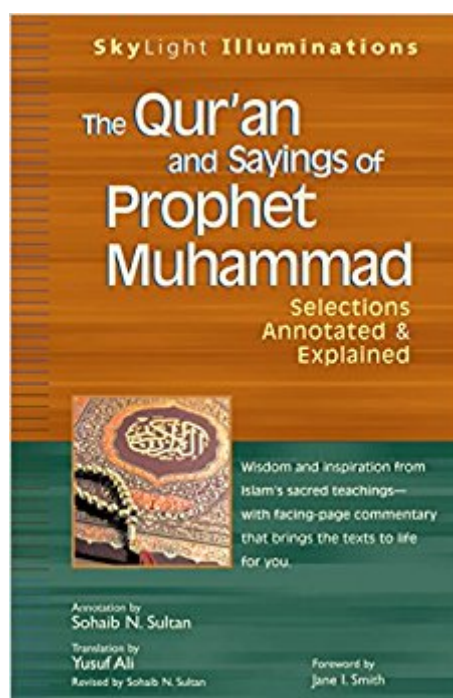


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# The Qur'an And Sayings Of Prophet Muhammad: Selections Annotated & Explained (SkyLight Illuminations)



## Synopsis

The timeless insight of Islam's sacred writings can enrich your own spiritual journey. For many in the West, the teachings of the Qur'ân can often be enshrouded in mystery and fear. Yet Islam's holy book gave birth to one of the most powerful and enlightened civilizations the world has ever seen. By the sixteenth century, Muslim culture stretched from India to Africa to Europe, preserving with it the ancient learning that helped spawn the Renaissance. With its interwoven ideas of faith and reason, justice and mercy, the path of Islam—which literally means "surrendering to God's will"—offers a uniquely focused and balanced approach to living life with a profound awareness of God. With gentleness and insight, Sohaib N. Sultan leads you through the central themes of both the Qur'ân and the collected sayings of Prophet Muhammad, known as hadith. These teachings dispel common misconceptions about Muslim beliefs and offer practical guidance for your own spiritual journey, from understanding the merciful nature of God; to cultivating peace and justice in the self, family, and society; to answering questions about the afterlife and how to attain it. Now you can experience the wisdom of Qur'ânic teachings even if you have no previous knowledge of Islam or Muslim writings. Insightful yet unobtrusive facing-page commentary explains the texts for you, allowing you to enter into the path of surrender to God.

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Abdullah Yusuf Ali (1872–1953) was a highly respected scholar of Islam from India who also studied in England. As a child, he memorized the entire Qur'an and was an ardent student of early Qur'anic commentaries. He had the distinct honor of serving as vice chancellor of Islamia College in Lahore, Pakistan. Sohaib N. Sultan is the author of *The Koran for Dummies*. In 2005, he was appointed as the first-ever Muslim chaplain at Yale University and now serves as a Muslim chaplain at Trinity College and Wesleyan University. He is a freelance journalist and public speaker. Sohaib N. Sultan is available to speak on the following topics: *The Qur'an and Its Place in Muslim Life*, *The Message of the Qur'an*, *The Prophet Muhammad: A Spiritual Biography*, *The Ethical Way of the Prophet Muhammad*, *The Qur'an, the Prophet Muhammad and Contemporary Issues*. Jane I. Smith is professor of Islamic studies and co-director of the Macdonald Center for Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut. She is co-editor of *The Muslim World*, a journal dedicated to the study of Islam, and editor of the Islam section of *The Encyclopedia of Women in World Religions*. Sohaib N. Sultan is the author of *The Koran for Dummies*. In 2005, he was appointed as the first-ever Muslim chaplain at Yale University and now serves as a Muslim chaplain at Trinity College and Wesleyan University. He is a freelance journalist and public speaker. Sohaib N. Sultan is available to speak on the following topics: *The Qur'an and Its Place in*

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ook in great condition! Also, the text allowed me to understand more of the Muslim faith tradition and helped to better engage with my Muslim friends. Understanding a different faith culture has also helped me to understand my own faith and how it is similar and different to Islam.

May allah reward you for the fantastic reading. Would have love to have the arabic quranic texts with it for easier memorization

This is one of the textbooks that my daughter needs for our last semester of undergraduate education. I hope that she uses it for good and it brings her an A in the class.

Good book.

Nice reference

One of the first impressions of this book is love at first sight. Really when you are reading this book, the authors love of his tradition and passionate ability to inspire modern lovers of the tradition is phenomenal. You leave each chapter with a sense of remarkable peace of heart and mind, that I can only interpret as love. For the reader interested in a fight with Islam's two most sacred texts you finish the text exhausted and transformed. For the reader interested in a good understanding with Islam's two most sacred texts you leave with a sense of sincere appreciation. As a Muslim who works as a prison chaplain, I keep one in my office as a handbook for moments of insanity dealing with a literalist bent population. Often, this book is used as a great reference point of departure or closure in the development and delivery of my sermons every Friday for collective worship. All that is needed now is for the author to provide various homilies of a pastoral nature addressing traditional and modern concerns for diverse Muslim congregations and this would be a great contribution to chaplaincy students and practitioners. I would really love that!!!

I would highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to learn about important and relevant verses from the Qur'an and Prophetic Sayings. The explanations are clear and succinct. Muslims

can better understand their primary texts. Non-Muslims can find benefit in a concise collection of verses from the Qur'an that are well translated and intelligently explained.

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