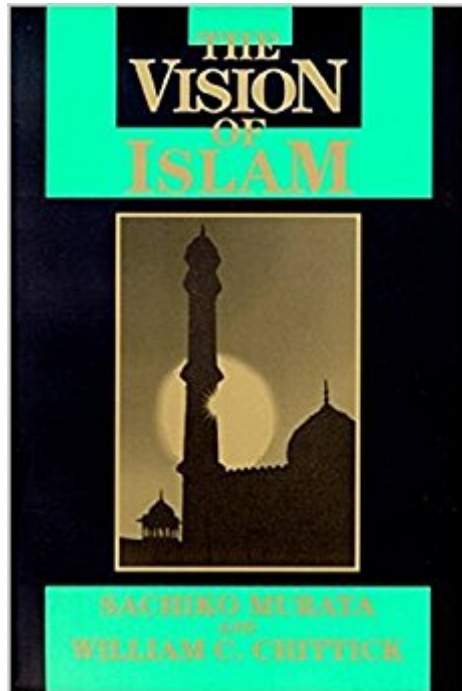




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# Vision Of Islam (Visions Of Reality)



## Synopsis

Something is lost when Western thinkers approach Islam. They seem to see the religion in historical and cultural terms, obscuring Islam's own internal logic and its true beauty and spirituality. This clearly written introduction to Islam changes that, vividly explaining the Islamic perspectives that have rung true for Muslims for nearly 1400 years. The book covers the four dimensions of Islam as outlined in the Hadith of Gabriel: practice, faith, spirituality, and the Islamic view of history. Drawing on the Koran, the sayings of the Prophet and the great authorities of the tradition, the text introduces the essentials of each dimension and then shows how it has been embodied in Islamic institutions throughout history. (2017-02-27)

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Most English-language introductions to Islam (and to Christianity and Judaism as well) scant the intellectual and spiritual; instead, they stress the externals-the things one must do to be saved, to be justified, to be upright before God and one's fellows. Basic doctrine, moral teaching, and ritual obligations are, as Murata and Chittick point out, all that the ordinary Muslim believer, prospective convert, and casually interested non-Muslim observer really need to know. The authors (comparative studies, SUNY at Stonybrook) provide a systematic and thorough handbook of basic Islamic theology on many topics, such as the nature of God and man, revelation and scripture, prayer and the interior life, and mysticism and devotion. For serious students of Islam (and its relationship to Judaism and Christianity) who are undaunted by technical terminology, this work is the book to have. For academic libraries and public libraries with substantial collections in

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This lucid and compelling account of Islam is written from what might be called a phenomenological perspective. Because its principal aim is to present Islam as a living faith from a Muslim perspective as reflected in the classical texts of the tradition, Murata and Chittick (comparative studies, SUNY, Stony Brook) go to some length to differentiate their work from the numerous historical, critically oriented introductions to Islam that have appeared over the last several decades....The book is intended to serve as an introductory text in undergraduate college and university courses on Islam, but it can serve equally well as an introduction to Islam for a more general readership. Useful glossary of technical terms; brief set of notes. Recommended to all college and university libraries as well as to public libraries concerned to maintain up-to-date information on major living religions. (M. Swartz, Choice 2017-02-27) This work is one of the most successful introductions to Islam for a Western audience. A comprehensive study, which beginning from within the precinct of the revealed truths of the faith expands in ever widening circles to embrace the whole vision of Islam. (Seyyed Hossein Nasr, George Washington University 2017-02-27) This is a book that every introductory course on Islam should attempt to incorporate. It describes and elucidates extremely well the integrity and coherence of Muslim faith and piety and how they relate to practice and culture. (William A. Graham, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University 2017-02-27)

2016 Western Test : Top English book on not just intro to islam knowledge but enough Reality itself would highly suggest reading this. It was when I finished this that I had trouble finding anything else except the thought the knowledge I seek is in Arabic Language, Inshallah we all take the path of learning to get closer to Allah(God) Book: Hadith Of Jibreel (islam, iman, ihsan, last days) You can do a youtube search and there is a series of lectures on this book. There is a chapter at the end called "Contemporary Issue" has spot on accuracy of Humanities current understanding of themselves and what they value is important. The book is written from a believers perspective. All praise is due to Allah. I wish many/majority with influence and authority recommended this as almost fard reading for all muslims.

As a relatively well-read perennial student of the Middle East, I was genuinely excited when I ordered this book. A Muslim friend recommended it, and I usually enjoy his recommendations. This book is a wealth of knowledge. It is far deeper than an "introduction" to Islam, and though it claims it to be for those who know little of the religion, I would not recommend this book to those wanting a

true introduction to the faith. This book is dry and dense, but knowledgeable. It explores more complicated theological issues than most have the patience for or interest in. I learned a great deal from the book, but instead of picking it up and digesting 30 pages without effort, it was a hard slog. I highly recommend this book for those who already have a good basis of the religion and are interested in a deeper understanding of Islam, not because the book is well written, far from it, but because I have yet to find a better introduction to more esoteric debates within the religion. Unfortunately, for readers who want just an introduction to a religion foreign to them, I cannot help you for I have not found anything worth recommending. If you can, however, read Karen Armstrong's book on the topic while picking through her obvious bias, I do recommend that. You have been warned, many of her "facts" are arguable and rest on interpretation - interpretation, no less, from the followers of the religion, who had quite a stake in making it seem a fact.

This book provides all the details of the practices and beliefs of Muslims and the religion of Islam

Best work explaining Islam to both Muslims and non-Muslims in the English language. Hamza Yusuf has recorded lectures following the text, they can be accessed free on his app.

Currently taking Dr. Chittick's class. At first, I thought it was another one of those books written by professors as a money grab (a common sentiment among college students). However, if you take the time to read and understand the material, it's very well presented and Dr. Chittick makes this book a great accompaniment to understanding Islam. I can definitely say, as an outsider, that this book has shaped my views of Islam highly, and I would recommend it to anybody interested in learning the topic.

Incredibly detailed, seems a bit too much information for an introductory course.

Although a bit tedious, this is a great read for anyone interested in understanding Islam and its practice. I think the authors delve far into the details of philosophic ideas, which I think is far too advanced a discussion for an introduction.

In great condition. happy with the pricing.

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