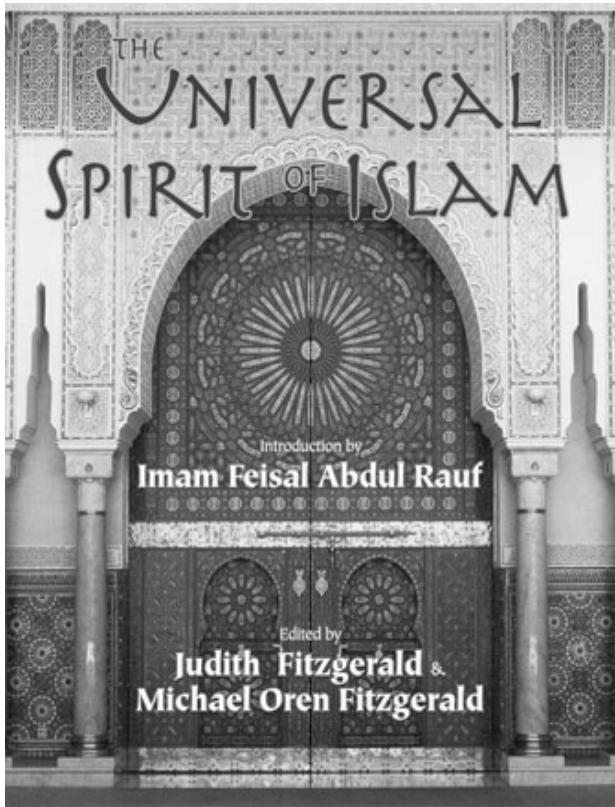


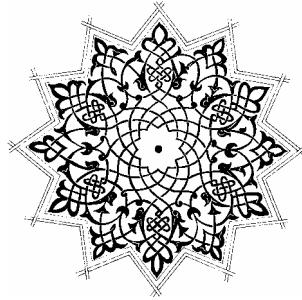
The Universal Spirit of Islam: From the Koran and Hadith



Can the two primary sources for Islam—the Koran and Hadith—provide us with keys to improve interfaith understanding?

Can we gain a deeper insight into Islam itself through a focused examination of what Islam says about other religions?

This small book offers the reader, regardless of religion, many compelling keys to interfaith understanding through its moving words and beautiful images.



The Universal Spirit of Islam serves an important purpose at a time when misunderstandings about Islam are rampant:

- ❖ It demonstrates that Islam accepts the validity of many other faiths, as proven through extensive quotations from the Koran and the sayings of Muhammad;
- ❖ The quotes are further augmented by superb illustrations of Islamic art and architecture, which show forth the key Muslim values of beauty and peace.

What others have said about this book

"This book sets out to explore if these sources [the Qur'an and *hadiths*] provide a basis for improving interfaith relations. The Fitzgeralds give the reader space to come to their own conclusions, not taking sides in their preface. Their selections of Qur'anic and *hadith* passages show a unique sensitivity to and understanding of Islam. Accompanied by lovely photographs ... as well as reprints of Islamic art and illuminated Qur'ans, the titular "spirit" of Islam comes across as reflective, wise and bridge building. The Fitzgeralds have reorganized some of Islam's most sacred texts and art in an easy-to-understand format, not only underscoring the interfaith resources in Islam but the spiritual side of Islam as well." — **Publishers Weekly**



Additional Publication Information

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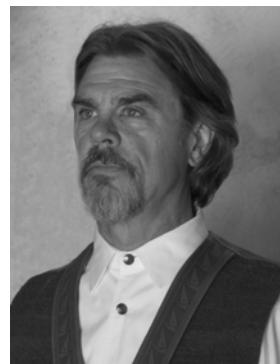
- ❖ 80 full-color photographs ;
- ❖ 170 quotations from the Koran and the sayings of Muhammad;
- ❖ An Introduction by Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf;
- ❖ An Editor's Preface by Michael Oren Fitzgerald;
- ❖ An Appendix of supplementary Koranic verses, extensive Endnotes, and a Glossary of Names and Places.

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About the Editors

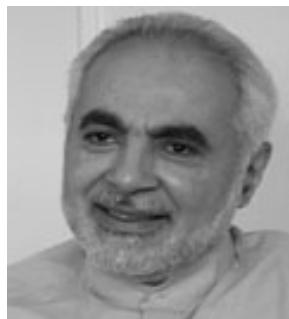


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THE UNIVERSAL SPIRIT OF ISLAM

made it come true! He was indeed good to me when He took me out of prison and brought you all here. One of the great devils—Satan had seven heads—he came to me and my brother. Verily my Lord is full of best the mysteries of all that He planmeth to do, for verily He is full of knowledge and wisdom. O my Lord! Thou hast indeed bestowed on me some power and taught me something of the interpretation of dreams and events. O Thou creator of the heavens and the earth! Thou art my protector in this world and in the hereafter. Take Thou my soul (at death) as one submitting to Thy will, and unite me with the righteous.

12, 4-10

When God's messenger was asked who among men was most honorable, he replied: "The one who is most honorable in God's estimation is the most pious." On being told that that was not what they meant, he said: "The most honorable was God's prophet Joseph, son of God's prophet Jacob, son of God's prophet Isaac, son of God's friend Abraham."

hadith

Ishmael, Idris (Enoch), Elisha, Ezekiel and Job

Also mention in the Scripture (the story of) Ishmael: he was (strictly) true to what he promised, and he was a messenger (and) a prophet. He used to enjoin on his people prayer and charity; and he was most acceptable in the sight of his Lord.

19, 54-55

Also mention in the Scripture the case of Idris (Enoch): he was a man of truth (and sincerity), (and) a prophet, and We raised him to a lofty station.

19, 56-57

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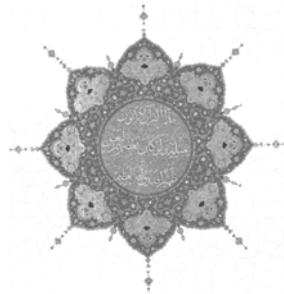


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An Excerpt from the Introduction

"By juxtaposing those passages depicting what the Koran says regarding different revelations—especially the Abrahamic faith traditions of Judaism and Christianity—this book not only reveals the common bond of these three faith traditions, but it also urges the reader to examine and probe the underlying transcendent unity of faith itself. . . Why is this important? . . . Because so much misconception exists as to the relationship between Islam on the one hand, and Judaism and Christianity on the other. . . . These inspirational selections present the same essential spiritual truths that are found within each of the world's major religions, offered in the hope that they will compel people who have lost their faith in God to reconsider; to stimulate adherents of other faiths to recognize their common bond with Muslims; and to contribute to a deepening of the life of prayer for practicing Muslims, and, indeed, for people of all faiths."

—Feisal Abdul Rauf



An Excerpt from the Editor's Preface

"For each of the world's 1.2 billion Muslims the Koran is the compilation of the Word of God exactly as it was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad over the course of many years. The collection called Hadith is made up of thousands of recorded sayings of Muhammad speaking under various levels of inspiration from God. In this book we only use quotations from the most widely used translations of the Koran and the most widely accepted traditional compilations of Hadith. We believe that these sources present traditional Islam in its most authentic form available in the English language. We hope the deep respect for other religions that is evident in the Koran and Hadith will imprint itself in the heart of every Muslim. We hope non-Muslims will allow authentic Islam to take its rightful place as one of the world's great religions."

—Michael Oren Fitzgerald

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