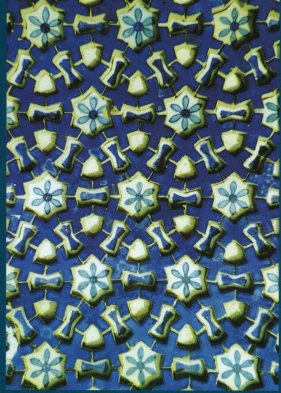


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MARY THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN OF ISLAM



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"Ey Meryem!  
Allah seni seçti, seni tertemiz kıldı  
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- Qur'an is the Eternal Word of God: All human interpretation is limited and not final
- Prophet Muhammad as living interpreter shows the borders and boundaries of exegesis
- Qur'an is a universal discourse addressing all of humanity
- Qur'an is dialogical and relational
- Qur'an emerged in a religiously diverse milieu
- Interplay of Context and Text
- Eisegesis/Exegesis
- Spiritual Challenge of all Scriptural Communities: Destructive/Constructive Interpretation

## Mary: Affirming Radical Oneness of God—Challenging Causality

*He is the One Who sends down rain from the sky, from which you drink and by which plants grow for your cattle to graze. With it He grows for you grain, olives, palms, vines, and all kinds of other crops. There truly is a sign in this for those who reflect. (Qur'an 16:10-11)*

*Say, 'It is God who gives you life, then causes you to die, and then He gathers you all to the Day of Resurrection of which there is no doubt, though most people do not comprehend.' (Qur'an 45:26)*

*Then they will say, 'Who will bring us back?' Say, 'The One who created you the first time.' Then they will shake their heads at you and say, 'When will that be?' Say, 'It may well be very soon (Qur'an 17:51)*



# Mary: Affirming Hope - Challenging Despair

*Say, "Nothing will ever befall us except what God has destined for us. He is our Protector." So in God let the believers put their trust. (Qur'an 9:51)*

*Do not lose heart or despair- if you are true believers you have the upper hand (Qur'an 3:139)*

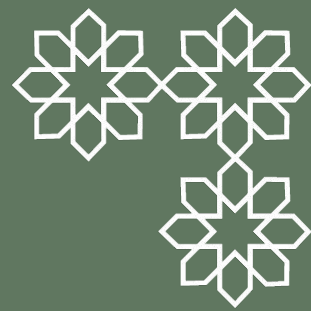
*We [God] will certainly test you with a touch of fear and famine and loss of property, life, and crops. Give good news to those who patiently endure. Those who say, when afflicted with a calamity, 'We belong to God and Him we shall return.' These will be given blessings and mercy from their Lord, and it is they who are rightly guided. (Qur'an 2:155-157)*



“ The most beautiful people we have known are those who have know defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness and a deep loving concern.

Beautiful people do not just happen.”

— Elisabeth Kübler-Ross



## Mary: Affirming Spiritual Equality of All—Challenging Exclusion

*O humankind, We created you all from a single man and a single woman, and made you into races and tribes so that you should recognize one another. In God's eyes, the most honoured of you are the ones most mindful of Him: God is all knowing, all aware. (Qur'an 49:13)*

*For men and women who are devoted to God - believing men and women, obedient men and women, truthful men and women, steadfast men and women, humble men and women, charitable men and women, fasting men and women, chaste men and women, men and women who remember God often - God has prepared forgiveness and a rich reward. (Qur'an 33:35)*



## Mary: Affirming Womanhood - Challenging Misogyny

*To God alone belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. He creates whatever He wills. He blesses whoever He wills with daughters, and blesses whoever He wills with sons, or grants both, sons and daughters, to whoever He wills, and leaves whoever He wills infertile. He is indeed All-Knowing, Most Capable. (Qur'an 42:49-50)*

*Whenever one of them is given the good news of a baby girl, his face grows gloomy, as he suppresses his rage. He hides himself from the people because of the bad news he has received. Should he keep her in disgrace, or bury her alive in the ground? Evil indeed is their judgment (Qur'an 16:58-59)*

*[On Judgement Day] When the baby girl buried alive is asked for what crime she was killed (Qur'an 81:8-9)*





## Mary: Affirming Filial Piety - Honoring Motherhood

*We have commanded people to be good to their parents: their mothers carried them, with strain upon strain, and it takes two years to wean them. Give thanks to Me and to your parents - all will return to Me. But if they pressure you to associate with Me what you have no knowledge of, do not obey them. Still keep their company in this world courteously, and follow the way of those who turn to Me in devotion. Then to Me you will all return, and then I will inform you of what you used to do.*  
(Qur'an 31:14-15)

*Your Lord has commanded that you should worship none but Him, and that you be kind to your parents. If either or both of them reach old age with you, say no word that shows impatience with them, and do not be harsh with them, but speak to them respectfully and lower your wing in humility towards them in kindness and say, 'Lord, have mercy on them, just as they cared for me when I was little.'* (Qur'an 17:24-25)



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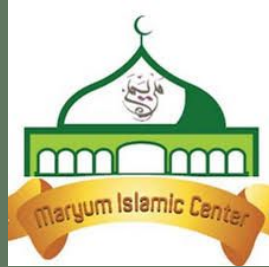
*Those who have been driven unjustly from their homes only for saying, 'Our Lord is God.' If God did not repel some people by means of others, many monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, where God's name is much invoked, would have been destroyed. God is sure to help those who help His cause - God is strong and mighty (Qur'an 22:40)*

*Another of His signs is the creation of the heavens and earth, and the diversity of your languages and colours. There truly are signs in this for those who know. (Qur'an 30:22)*

*Had your Lord so willed, all people on earth would have certainly believed, every single one of them! Would you then force people to become believers? (Qur'an 10:99)*



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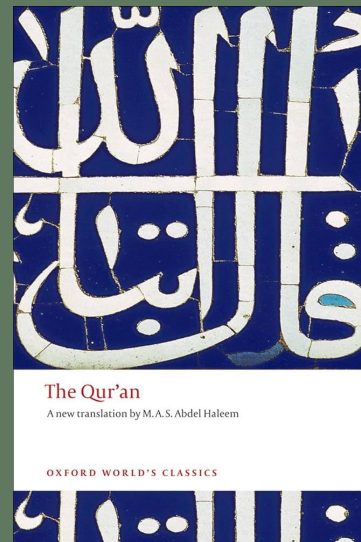


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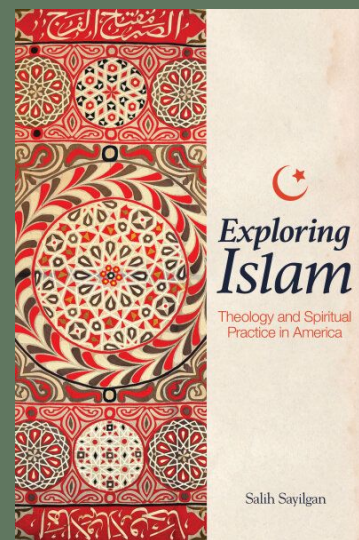
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