



The Institute of Ismaili Studies

## **WEBSITE READING LISTS**

The reading lists that follow are intended as a preliminary suggestion of books in English for self-motivated students without an academic training or knowledge of languages of the Muslim world, but with some elementary acquaintance with Islam and a serious interest in building on it further. The lists are not representative of the entire scope of literature available on the subjects, but will be updated soon, and then at regular intervals, to make them more comprehensive.

By its very nature, the works referred to in the reading lists differ in their approaches, sometimes evincing contrasting perspectives and conclusions on the same topics. They do not imply endorsement by the faculty or others at the IIS of their contents, but are being presented rather as a basis for discerning and critical self-study by the reader. Similarly, they do not represent a formal or systematic programme of instruction in Islamic Studies as such.

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### **1. Secondary Literature: Encyclopaedias and Book Series**

Monographs and edited volumes on the Qur’an and its interpretation have thrived in the last decades. Two exceptionally important contributions in recent years are the *Journal of Quranic Studies*, launched in 1999,

<http://www.eup.ed.ac.uk/journals/content.aspx?pageId=2&journalId=12154>

and the *Encyclopedia of the Qur’an*, ed. Jane Dammen McAuliffe. Brill: 2001-2006.

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Vol I: Provenance and Transmission.

Vol II: Themes and Doctrines. Form, Content and Literary Structure.

Vol III: Style and Structure. The Koran and the Development of the Islamic 'Sciences'.

Vol IV: Translation and Exegesis. Koranic Exegesis.

A valuable, high-quality contribution is Brill's series on 'Texts and Studies on the Qur'an', edited by Gerhard Böwering (Yale University) and Jane Dammen McAuliffe (Georgetown University), see [http://www.brill.nl/m\\_catalogue\\_sub6\\_id11374.htm](http://www.brill.nl/m_catalogue_sub6_id11374.htm). The four titles that have appeared so far in this series include monographs on medieval commentators on the Qur'an, the edition of a classical text and the reprint of a classic (see the list below):

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A new series by Routledge has been announced: Routledge Studies in the Qur'an

<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t737790578>

Ashgate has also published three volumes of re-published essays through its Formation of the Classical Islamic World Series. *The Qur'an: Formative interpretation*, 1999 and *The Qur'an: Style and contents*, 2001, and its Variorum Collected Studies Series, *The Qur'an and its Interpretive tradition*, 2001.

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See the comprehensive, although maybe in need of an update, article by Andrew Rippin: 'The Study of Tafsir in the 21st century: etexts and their Scholarly Use', *MELA Notes* 69-70 (1999-2000), pp. 1-13. with two appendixes.

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Some university departments and individual professors have put bibliographies onto their personal web pages, for example:

Barbara R. von Schlegell, from the University of Pennsylvania:

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