

THEOLOGY READING LIST

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# **GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND FEMINISM**

- Sexual Ethics and Islam: Feminist Reflections on Qur'an, Hadith, and Jurisprudence by Kecia Ali
- Before Homosexuality in the Arab-Islamic World, 1500-1800 by Khaled El-Rouayheb
- by Juliane Hammer
  Women of the Nation: Between Black Protest and Sunni Islam by Dawn-Marie

• American Muslim Women, Religious Authority, and Activism: More Than a Prayer

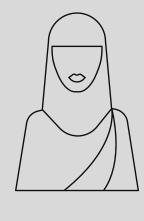
- Gibson and Jamillah KarimHomosexuality in Islam: Critical Reflection on Gay, Lesbian and Transgender
- Muslims by Scott Kugle
  Politics of Piety: The Islamic Revival and the Feminist Subject by Saba Mahmood
- Being Muslim: A Cultural History of Women of Color in American Islam by Sylvia Chan-Malik
- The Veil And The Male Elite: A Feminist Interpretation Of Women's Rights In Islam by Fatima Mernissi
- The Imperial Harem: Women and Sovereignty in the Ottoman Empire by Leslie P. Peirce
- Sufi Narratives of Intimacy: Ibn Arabi, Gender and Sexuality by Sa'diyya Shaikh
- Inside the Gender Jihad: Women's Reform in Islam by Amina Wadud

#### LAW AND THEOLOGY

- Islamic Family Law in a Changing World: A Global Resource Book by Abdullahi A. An-Na'im
- Maqasid Al-Shari'ah as Philosophy of Islamic Law: A Systems Approach by Jasser Auda
- Reasoning with God: Reclaiming Shari'ah in the Modern Age by Khaled Abou El Fadl
- Islam and the Problem of Black Suffering by Sherman A. Jackson
- Beyond Timbuktu: An Intellectual History of Muslim West Africa by Ousmane Oumar Kane
- Sex and Society in Islam: Birth Control Before the Nineteenth Century by B.F. Musallam
- Modern Muslim Theology: Engaging God and the World with Faith and Imagination by Martin Nguyen
- Doubt in Islamic Law: A History of Legal Maxims, Interpretation, and Islamic Criminal Law by Intisar A. Rabb
- Never Wholly Other: A Muslima Theology of Religious Pluralism by Jerusha Tanner Rhodes
- The Good Muslim: Reflections on Classical Islamic Law and Theology by Mona Siddiqui

# PHILOSOPHY, SPIRITUALITY AND ETHICS

- Al-Ghazali on the Ninety-nine Beautiful Names of God by Abu Hamid Al-Ghazali
- Secular Translations: Nation-State, Modern Self, and Calculative Reason by Talal Asad
- Gendered Morality: Classical Islamic Ethics of the Self, Family, and Society by Zahra Ayubi
- Open to Reason: Muslim Philosophers in Conversation with the Western Tradition by Souleymane Bachir Diagne
- Muslim Environmentalisms: Religious and Social Foundations by Anna M. Gade
- The Impossible State: Islam, Politics, and Modernity's Moral Predicament by Wael Hallaq
- Women of Sufism: A Hidden Treasure by Camille Helinski
- The Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam by Muhammad Iqbal
- Divine Justice by Morteza Motahhari
- Progressive Muslims: On Gender, Justice & Pluralism by Omid Safi
- Jihad of the Pen: The Sufi Literature of West Africa by Rudolph Ware, Zachary Wright, and Amir Syed









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## **QUR'ANIC DISCOURSES**

- The Message of the Qur'an by Muhammad Asad
- Believing Women in Islam: Unreading Patriarchal Interpretations of the Qur'an by Asma Barlas
- Communities of the Qur'an: Dialogue, Debate and Diversity in the 21st Century by Emran El-Badawi and Paula Sanders
- Exploring the Qur'an: Context and Impact by Muhammad Abdel Haleem
- Feminist Edges of the Qur'an by Aysha Hidayatullah
- Qur'an, Liberation and Pluralism: An Islamic Perspective of Interreligious Solidarity Against Oppression by Farid Esack
- Qur'an of the Oppressed: Liberation Theology and Gender Justice in Islam by Shadaab Rahemtulla
- Major Themes of the Qur'an by Fazlur Rahman
- Qur'an and Woman: Rereading the Sacred Text from a Woman's Perspective by Amina Wadud
- The Walking Qur'an: Islamic Education, Embodied Knowledge, and History in West Africa by Rudolph T. Ware III

### **RESISTANCE: THEORY AND PRAXIS**

- Do Muslim Women Need Saving? by Lila Abu-Lughod
- Revolution and Disenchantment: Arab Marxism and the Binds of Emancipation by Fadi Bardawil
- Islamic Liberation Theology: Resisting the Empire by Hamid Dabashi
- Islam without Europe: Traditions of Reform in Eighteenth-Century Islamic Thought by Ahmad Dallal
- Black Star, Crescent Moon: The Muslim International and Black Freedom Beyond America by Sohail Daulatzai
- With Stones in Our Hands: Writings on Muslims, Racism, and Empire by Junaid Rana
  A Selection of the State of the
- Servants of Allah: African Muslims Enslaved in the Americas by Sylviane Diouf
- Jihad as a Form of Struggle in the Resistance Against Apartheid South Africa by Na'eem Jeenah
- Geographies of Liberation: The Making of an Afro-Arab Political Imaginary by Alex
- Religion Vs. Religion by Ali Shariati

## **RACIAL JUSTICE AND ABOLITION**

- Revolution by the Book: Rap is Live by Jamil Al-Amin
- African Muslims in Antebellum America: Transatlantic Stories and Spiritual Struggles by Allan D. Austin
- The Call of Bilal: Islam in the African Diaspora by Edward E. Curtis IV
- Slavery in the Ottoman Empire and its Demise 1800–1909 by Y. Hakan Erdem
- Those Who Know Don't Say: The Nation of Islam, the Black Freedom Movement, and the Carceral State by Garrett Felber
- Possessed by the Right Hand: The Problem of Slavery in Islamic Law and Muslim Cultures by Bernard Freamon
- Black Crescent: The Experience and Legacy of African Muslims in the Americas by Michael Gomez
- The Autobiography of Malcolm X as told by Alex Haley
- Black Morocco: A History Of Slavery, Race, And Islam by Chouki El Hamel
- The African Diaspora in the Mediterranean Lands of Islam by Eve Troutt Powell and John O. Hunwick
- Muslim Cool: Race, Religion, and Hip Hop in the United States by Su'ad Abdul Khabeer
- The Abolition of Slavery in Ottoman Tunisia by Ismael M. Montana



