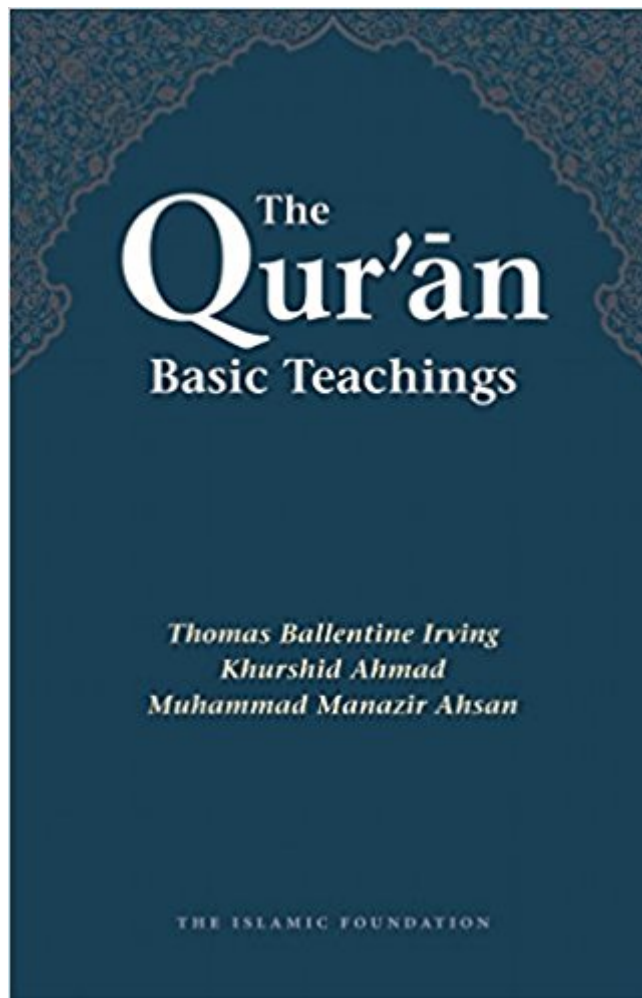


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# The Qur'an: Basic Teachings



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T. B. Irving: Thomas Ballantyne Irving (1914-2002), also known as Al-Hajj Ta'lim Ali Abu Nasr, was an American Muslim author, professor, and scholar, who produced the first American English

translation of the Qur'an.

I use this book regularly as a textbook in a university course that I teach because it makes the Qur'an highly accessible to first-time readers. The book is basically a collection of verses from throughout the Qur'an that address common themes. The twenty-one chapters include titles like "The Idea of God," "The Story of Creation," "Some Major Prophets," "Our Creed and Its Commandments," "Moral Values," and "Crime and Moral Failings." Each verse is accompanied by the original Arabic, making the book seem longer than it really is. The book includes a nice 19-page introduction that summarizes Muslim beliefs about the Qur'an along with its major themes. I've looked everywhere and been unable to find anything comparable as a first-hand introduction to the contents of the Qur'an.

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