



Quaker Universalist Voice
**Suggested Readings from
Islamic Scriptures***
*for Friendly Universal Scripture
Study*

Begin at the end of the Qur'an. The earliest revelations (to use the traditional Muslim expression), or the earliest portions of the Qur'an are found at the end of the book. They are poetic. Suggestions include suras 1, 81, 87, 92, 93, 94 97, 99, 101, 103, 107, 112.

For a somewhat longer sura that has a more sustained narrative, Sura 12 is the story of Joseph. For Sura 12, there are many translations available on the Internet.

A recent collection of suras is by Michael Sells. "The Generous Qur'an." It is available on the Quaker Universalist Fellowship website at <https://universalistfriends.org/pdf/quf2001a.pdf>
It includes helpful commentary.

For a translation of the whole Qur'an, consider M. A. S. Abdel Haleem (Oxford, 2005), Tarif Khalidi (Penguin, 2008), and S. H. Nasr, *The Study Qur'an* (Harper, 2015).

*These suggestions are derived from conversation with Professor Michael Birkel, Earlham School of Religion.