## Major Reference Works

[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]  
[Robarts 4th Floor Reference Area – DS 37 .E5]

The new, or second edition, of this work is the largest and the most scholarly English-language work of reference about Islam available online. Includes extensive bibliographies.

[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]  
[Robarts 4th Floor Reference Area – DS 37 .E523]

A third edition of this work began publication in 2007; currently it only includes articles beginning with the letters ‘A’ and ‘B’.

[Robarts 4th Floor Reference Area – BP 40. E525 2004X]

A somewhat more popular – but still academic – work than the Brill Encyclopaedia of Islam. There are articles on the core tenets of Islamic beliefs as well as on Muslim interaction with other major world religions and other cultures (e.g. "Christianity and Islam," "American Culture and Islam").

[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]  
[Robarts 4th Floor Reference Area – BP 40. O95 2003X]

Over 2,000 brief articles including biographical entries and definitions of terms. The dictionary focuses primarily on the 19th and 20th centuries, stressing topics of most interest to Westerners.


A single volume work that encompasses the beliefs, practices, history and culture of the Islamic world, in over 1300 entries.


This work provides hundreds of entries about political and religious leaders, medieval thinkers, and other well-known figures in Islamic history. Additionally it offers information on the major sects of Islam, schools of theology, jurisprudence, and aspects of Islamic culture.


Thirty-nine essays on a broad range of topics, including: history, regional developments, beliefs and practices, branches of Islam, spiritual life, women, education, literature, art, and fundamentalism.

### **QUR’AN**

**The Noble Quran.**
[Arabic edition available online: http://al-islam.org/quran/]
[English translations available online: http://www.usc.edu/dept/MSA/quran/]

The Qur’an is the main text of the Islamic religion. For most Muslims only the Arabic version is authoritative.

**Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an.** Edited by Jane Dammen McAuliffe. Leiden: Brill, 2001-2006. 5 volumes. [Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]
[Robarts 4th Floor Reference Area – BP 133 .E53 2001]

Almost 1000 articles on Qur’anic terms, concepts, personalities, place names, cultural history and exegesis. Includes extensive bibliographies.


This guide documents published bibliographies, catalogues of major collections, and reference sources pertaining to Qur’anic literature in the English language.
INTRODUCTIONS

There are many introductions to Islam. Most can be found in the call number area BP 161 and BP161.2.


This book is designed to offer the general public a concise overview of the origins, basic beliefs, and common practices of Islam, as well as the reasons for its dramatic resurgence in recent times.


A question and answer guide to Islam, ranging from “Who was Muhammad?” to “What basic views do Muslims hold on human rights?” - all with short one to two page answers.


This work includes sections on the pre-Islamic Middle East, the early Muslim world, the basic beliefs and practices of Islam, Sufi mysticism, personal and community life in Islam, and Islam and the modern world. St. Michael's has the 2nd edition (3rd Floor – BP 161.2 .D46 1994).

HISTORY


A collection of fifteen general essays dealing with topics such as art and architecture, science, medicine and technology, Islam in Africa to 1800, and the globalization of Islam.


Eight broad essays covering historical periods, Muslim economics, society, learning, and art. Throughout, emphasis is placed on the interaction between Islam and the West.


A broad range of selected texts relating to the history of the Islamic Middle East, ranging from early Muslim scholarship to the Taliban and speeches by George W. Bush.
**Internet Islamic History Sourcebook**

[Available online: http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/islam/islamsbook.html]

This massive database of primary and secondary source material on the Islamic world is a subsidiary of the larger Internet History Sourcebook project.

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[Downsview – DS 36.55 .C57 2001X]

This work has entries for organizations as well as countries, movements, and key figures in the Arab and Islamic world. A list of abbreviations and acronyms and a chronology of events make the entries easier to follow.

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[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]

[Robarts 5th Floor Data, Map Library – G1786 .S1 R92 2004]

Detailed maps showing the Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia and parts of Europe, as they have gone through historical changes associated with Islam. Includes maps of important cities.

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[Robarts 4th Floor Reference Area – Z 7835 .M6H24 1997X]

In addition to surveying the literature on Islamic revival worldwide, this text provides commentary on literature pertaining to important topics such as the role of women in Islam, Islamic economics, and the migration of Muslims to western Europe and North America. Contains a bibliography of materials from 1989 to 1994.
### SCHOOLS AND SECTS


Examines the foundation of this school of Islam which is dominant in Saudi Arabia.


This wide-ranging, comprehensive overview of the main theological and jurisprudential tenets of Shi'a Islam deals with such issues as the nature of being and the problem of evil.

**Al Islam: Ahlul Bayt Digital Islamic Library Project**
[Available online: http://alislam.org/]

A large database on Shi’a Islam, with resources from books and journals that give information on art, calligraphy, and law. Also includes a gallery of images and primary sources in translation.


A profile of Sufism, a form of Islam that is noted for its mysticism and spiritualism.


This guide to an Islamic sub-group includes a brief history of the Druze people, the fundamental principles of their faith, and the role their communities play in Israeli, Lebanese, and Syrian society.


A profile of this offshoot of Shi’a Islam, founded in the 19th century.
FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES

**Index Islamicus**
[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]

The major index to journal articles, monographs, multi-author works, and conference proceedings about Islam and the Muslim world. Includes over 250,000 records from over 2,000 journals.

**ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials.**
[Available online (1949 - present) for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]

Over one million bibliographic citations to journal articles, essays in books, and book reviews in the field of religion. Covers all aspects of the major world religions including Islam.

BIBLIOGRAPHY


More than 1200 sources of information, arranged by type of publication followed by a subject breakdown which includes: religion, philosophy, language, literature, history, and geography. Most of the entries are annotated.

[Robarts 4th Floor Reference Area – Z7835 .M6 S585 2006X]

Includes sections on the Qur’an, Qur’anic exegesis, law and legal theory, history, philosophy, and theology.

[Robarts Library 4th Floor Reference Area – Z 7963 .I74K56 1996X]

A list of over 3000 English-language books and articles on Muslim women throughout the world. Most of the works are scholarly studies but some fiction, travel accounts, popular publications, and semi-devotional works are listed. Includes an annotated list of 50 recommended books and articles resulting from a survey of specialists.