

Feminist Hermeneutics & the Qur'an

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What is Feminism?

the belief in full political, social, economic, and spiritual equality for women.

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What is Hermeneutics?

theories or methods of
interpretation of
religious or literary
texts

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offers an alternative
interpretation of the Qur'an
that looks at the religious text
based on the interests of
women

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based on the experiences
and perspectives of
women within the
Quranic interpretation

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uses feminism, which are
based on the ideas of
equality and justice, as the
root of interpretation

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acknowledges the historical
context, including the time,
place and the background, in
which the revelation
occurred

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uses intratextuality, or an examination of the entire text, to develop a framework for understanding the Quran rather than applying a single meaning to one verse

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returns to the core of Islamic teaching, monotheism, as the paradigm for Qur'anic interpretation. Tawhid, or the oneness and uniqueness of God, is key to feminist hermeneutics

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