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Present

PROF. DENISE SPELLBERG

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AND AUTHOR OF



**THOMAS JEFFERSON'S QUR'AN:
ISLAM AND THE FOUNDERS**

AT A LUNCHEON DURING THE WEEK OF THE
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"Denise Spellberg has done a great thing here by recovering the spirit and the substance of Thomas Jefferson's vision of true religious liberty. By focusing on the Jeffersonian understanding of Islam, Spellberg tells a fresh story in engaging fashion and shows us that the past, while surely not perfect, still has much to teach us all these years distant."

Jon Meacham, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, author of *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*

"An impressive and timely book, explaining in detail the universalism of Jefferson's religious toleration, his contemplation of full citizenship and equality not only for Jews and Catholics but for Muslims as well. Denise Spellberg documents in details 'where, when, and how Muslims were first included in American ideals.' An exploration of the extent of the Founders'

pluralism, the book is not only a notable addition to our understanding of Jefferson but a significant comment on the world today."

Bernard Bailyn, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and author of *The Barbarous Years*

"In this ground breaking book, Spellberg explores how America's founding fathers intended religious tolerance as a key American ideal not only for various Protestant groups, but also for its future Muslim citizens. In tracing the transatlantic development of these ideas, Spellberg has laid critical

groundwork for those interested in European and American perceptions of Islam and religious diversity at the time of the founding of the United States."

Ali Asani, Professor and Director of the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Islamic Studies Program at Harvard University

"Spellberg offers a meticulously researched and incredibly detailed account not only of how Jefferson came to acquire a copy of the Qur'an in English but also of the broader historical circumstances of his political career and the role of religion in the period of the Founding Fathers."

Juliane Hammer, Associate Professor
Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

