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**Muhammad A. S. Abdel Haleem**, [OBE](#) is Professor of [Islamic Studies](#) at the [School of Oriental and African Studies](#)<sup>[1]</sup> in [London, England](#); and editor of the [Journal of Qur'anic Studies](#).<sup>[2]</sup> Born in [Egypt](#), he learned the [Qur'an](#) by heart during childhood, and is a [hafiz](#).<sup>[3][4]</sup> In 2004, [Oxford University Press](#) published his translation of the Qur'an into [English](#). He has also published several other works in this field.<sup>[1]</sup>

Whilst maintaining his own [Muslim](#) faith,<sup>[5]</sup> Abdel Haleem is a moderate, arguing for example that [British Muslims](#) fighting against British forces in the [Afghanistan conflict](#) are violating the instructions of the Qur'an.<sup>[6]</sup>

He was made an [Officer of the Order of the British Empire](#) (OBE) in the 2008 Birthday Honours.<sup>[7]</sup> Professor Abdel Haleem was recognized for his services to Arabic culture and literature and to inter-faith understanding.<sup>[8]</sup>

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- The [Online Quran Project](#) includes the Qur'an translation, *The Qur'an: a New Translation*, of Abdel-Haleem.
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