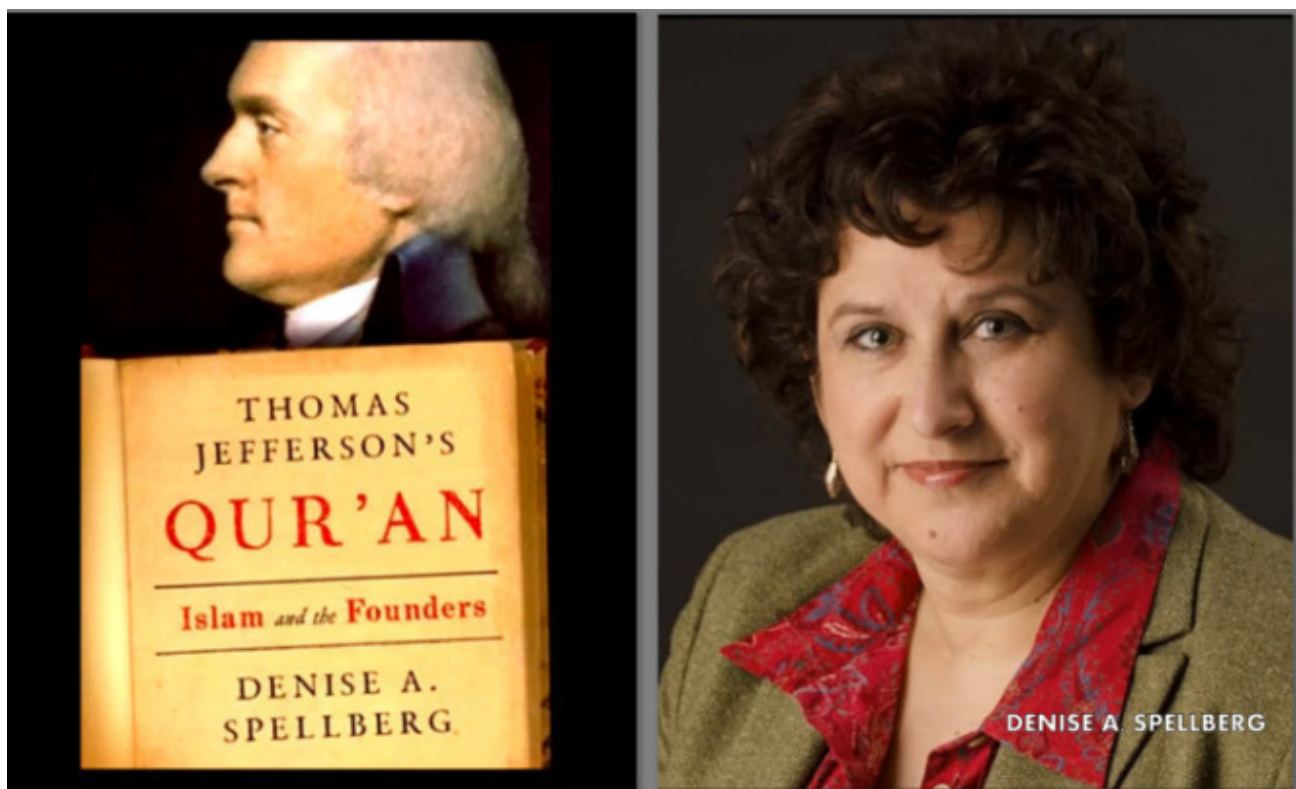


Denise Spellberg on Jefferson's "Marked Interest" In Islam

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Whenever there is the swearing-in of a Muslim on Jefferson's Qur'an, or whenever there is an Iftar Dinner held at the White House, Denise Spellberg uses the occasion to trot out the same article she's been republishing for the last five years, as [here](#), the one entitled "Jefferson's Quran" or "Jefferson's Iftar Dinner," or "Why Jefferson's Vision Of American Islam Matters Today." She is dutifully interviewed on television, where she claims that the fact that Jefferson once bought a Qur'an shows that "Islam has been part of American history for a long time." No one thinks to ask her: If Jefferson had bought a copy of the Bhagavad Gita, would that show that Hinduism had always been "part of America's story"?

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