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The Qur'an is presented as a Text of Late Antiquity, not a beneficiary of Late Antiquity, but an active player introducing innovative ideas and discourses into the transcultural debates. This image of the Qur'an should be taken as a vantage point for both hermeneutic communities in their project to rethink Qur'anic Studies. Historical circumstances and ideological constructs have for centuries impeded, indeed blocked the penetration of Qur'anic theological views into Christian thinking; this long lasting suppression of knowledge cannot be undone by simply including the Qur'an into Church History. Similarly, the Bible and post-biblical tradition in Islamic exegesis still wait to be systematically recontextualized with the Qur'an. A projection of the Qur'an into the epistemic space of Late Antiquity, the shared space from which the three monotheistic religions sprang, appears as a promising way out of the dilemma.