Islam

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Purposes for the Study



Photo: https://www.politicalhispanic.com/en/islam-violence-eurabia/

Understanding Islam What is it exactly?



Photo: <u>https://www.telenews.pk/islam-expected-worlds-largest-religion-2050/</u>

Muslims

How can Christians be Christ for Muslims?

Main Book

Islamic Exodus into the freedom of Christ Sobhi Malek

Book Resources

- the Qur'an <u>http://bit.ly/2Cg16nA</u>
- Ed Hoskins, A Muslim's Mind <u>https://amzn.to/</u> <u>2NMyZOm</u> (for class only: A Muslim's Mind <u>http:/</u> <u>ltet.net/download/hoskins.pdf</u>)
- Mark Durie, Liberty to the Captives <u>https://amzn.to/</u> <u>2NMnx5b</u>
- Miroslav Volf, Allah <u>https://amzn.to/2wHb30P</u>
- Hans Kung, Islam <u>https://amzn.to/2NM60Zw</u>

Video Resources

- Video: Honor Diaries: http://bit.ly/2Cizrmd
- Nabeel Qureshi
 - Testimony: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=NGJzkm8lZjU
 - The prophet, the man: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=z7V9dmdrfMc
 - Perfect preservation of the Qur'an: https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApWdavoxhcc

Life Together Theater

Nabeel Quershi Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus

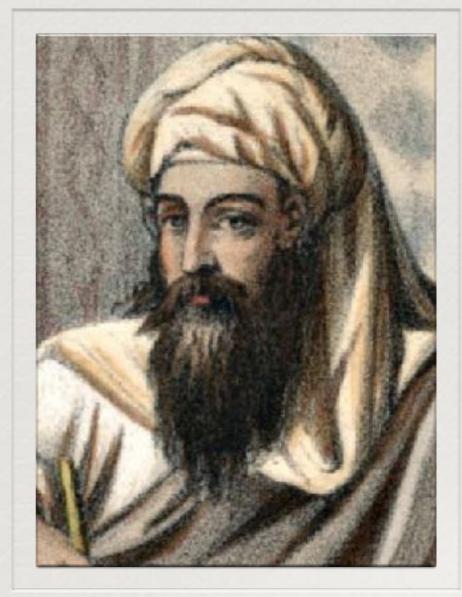


Seeking Allah Finding Jesus: Nabeel Qureshi

Initial Thoughts

My Initial Thoughts

- Dispel inadequate characterizations of Islam
- Find the central themes
- Compare with Christianity
- Prepare for conversation with Muslims
- Educate and challenge the Church



Mohammed: http://bit.ly/2wF42cc

Some Initial Preconceptions

- Muslims want the same thing for their children as we do.
- Though the Qur'an encourages violence against outsiders, Muslim peoples in general do not. They want to live in peace.
- Islam misrepresents the Bible, Christians, and Jews; the West and Western morality.
- Should critique of Islam have a place within Islam?

Some Initial Preconceptions

- Not all Muslims wish to implement Sharia law, but some do. And the increase in Muslim neighbors is not a threat if we defend the democratic institutions that guard this country.
- Religious liberty is for Muslims as well as Christians, and the ideas of a Christian nation, and cultural Christianity that are promoted by some are not part of the constitution of our country.

Some Initial Preconceptions

- Most Muslims like most Christians don't know their holy books well enough to know if they are fulfilling its requirements.
- Between Christians, Jews, and Muslims there is only one God, but our theologies differ, succeed, and fail differently.
- Christ remains the primary stumbling block for Muslim conversion, but there are others.

Residual Puzzles for Consideration

- Egalitarian private and public personas.
 - Are Christians superior to Muslims?
 - Are any persons superior to others on ontological grounds?
 - Are any religions superior on practical or theological grounds?
 - Is the U.S. Constitutional separation of religion and government a good idea?
- Is life a zero-sum game?
 - Are we all to be divided between winners and losers?
 - Or, is the bounty of Christ available for all?