

# 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: <https://www.teleneews.pk/islam-expected-worlds-largest-religion-2050/>*

# Muslims

*How can Christians be Christ for Muslims?*

# Main Book

*Islamic Exodus into the freedom of Christ*  
*Sobhi Malek*

# Book Resources

- ✿ *the Qur'an* <http://bit.ly/2CgI6nA>
- ✿ *Ed Hoskins, A Muslim's Mind* <https://amzn.to/2NMyZOm> (for class only: *A Muslim's Mind* <http://ltet.net/download/hoskins.pdf>)
- ✿ *Mark Durie, Liberty to the Captives* <https://amzn.to/2NMnx5b>
- ✿ *Miroslav Volf, Allah* <https://amzn.to/2wHb3oP>
- ✿ *Hans Kung, Islam* <https://amzn.to/2NM6oZw>

# Video Resources

- ✦ *Video: Honor Diaries: <http://bit.ly/2Cizrmd>*
- ✦ *Nabeel Qureshi*
  - ✦ *Testimony: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGfzkm8lZjU>*
  - ✦ *The prophet, the man: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7V9dmdrfMc>*
  - ✦ *Perfect preservation of the Qur'an: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApWdarvoxhcc>*

# Life Together Theater

*Nabeel Quershi*

*Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*





*Seeking Allah Finding Jesus: Nabeel Qureshi*

# Initial Thoughts

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- ✦ *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?*

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- ✦ *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.*

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- ✦ *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?*