

Important Books on Christian-Muslim Relations

An Annotated Bibliography
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Understanding Muslims and sharing your faith

Accad, Fouad Elias

1997 *Building Bridges: Christianity and Islam*
NavPress, Colorado Springs, Colorado

An excellent book on Christian-Muslim relations. It assumes that the reader already has experience serving among Muslims.

Chapman, Colin

2008 *Cross & Crescent: Responding to the Challenge of Islam*, 2nd ed.
IVP: Downer's Grove, IL

With many years of experience in ministry in the Mideast, Chapman offers an in-depth (yet very readable) account of Islam's central doctrines and how we can respond to them.

Geisler, Norm and Abdul Saleeb

1993 *Answering Islam: The Crescent in the Light of the Cross*
Baker: Grand Rapids, MI

A book on apologetics for Muslims. Less strident than most evangelical books on the topic. Helpful in many areas, yet does fall into generalizations at times (e.g., God is too transcendent and unapproachable for Muslims, while ignoring the rich tradition of Sufism).

Hoskins, Edward J.

2005 *A Muslim's Heart: What Every Christian Needs to Know to Share Christ with Muslims*
NavPress: Colorado Springs, Colorado.

A concise and very practical introduction (only 63 pages).

Kateregga, Badru. D. and Shenk, David W.

1980 *Islam and Christianity*
Nairobi: Uzema Press Ltd.

A simple and friendly faith exchange between a Muslim and a Christian. This book allows you to read about Islam from a Muslim perspective. A great example of how to dialogue without compromise.

Medearis, Carl

2008 *Muslims, Christians and Jesus*
Bethany House: Minneapolis, Minnesota

This is the best introductory book on Christian-Muslim relations available -- a practical, Jesus-centered approach to sharing your life and faith with Muslims. If you read only one book on Islam, this is the book you should read!

Moucarry, Chawkat

2001 *The Prophet & the Messiah: An Arab Christian's Perspective on Islam and Christianity*
IVP: Downer's Grove, IL

A bit heavier than the rest, but the best book on apologetics by a Syrian-Frenchman who has taught for years in a UK Bible college (with a PhD in Islamics from the Sorbonne).

Planting the gospel and forming communities of Jesus' followers among Muslims

International Journal of Frontier Missions has numerous excellent articles about ministry to Muslims. You can freely access them all on the web: <http://ijfm.org/archives.htm>

Parshall, Phil

2003 *Muslim Evangelism: Contemporary Approaches to Contextualization*
Baker: Grand Rapids

A classic work on the principles and practices of contextualization as it relates to sharing your faith with Muslims.

Woodberry, J. Dudley

2008 *From Seed to Fruit: Global Trends, Fruitful Practices and Emerging Issues among Muslims*
William Carey Library: Pasadena

The most up-to-date research on ministry among Muslims available. A must-read.

Women's Issues

Adeney, Miriam

2002 *Daughters of Islam: Building Bridges with Muslim Women*
InterVarsity Press: Downers Grove

Thrilling case studies about how Muslim women are coming to Christ.

Love, Fran and Jeleta Eckheart, editors

2004 *Longing to Call them Sisters: Ministry to Muslim Women*
William Carey Library: Pasadena

A compendium of practical articles about ministry to Muslim women, especially relevant to those planting the gospel and forming groups of Jesus-followers.

Mallouhi, Christine

2004 *Miniskirts, Mothers, and Muslims: A Christian Woman in a Muslim Land*
Monarch Books

A brilliant introduction to the issues of modesty and hospitality. A must-read. Men need to read this too!

Articles about Contextualization

The following articles reflect some of the best thinking about contextualization and insider movements. They will introduce you to the various issues involved. Begin with the oldest articles first to see how the debate unfolds (e.g., Woodberry 1996 and then Travis 1998).

Higgins, Kevin

2004 *The Key to Insider Movements: The "Devoted's" of Acts*

International Journal of Frontier Missions, 21:4 Winter 2004•155-165

Parshall, Phil

1998 *Danger! New Directions in Contextualization*
Evangelical Missions Quarterly 34(4): 404-410.

Tennent, Timothy C.

2000 *Followers of Jesus (Isa) in Islamic Mosques: A Closer Examination of C-5 "High Spectrum" Contextualization*
International Journal of Frontier Missions 23:3 Fall 2006•101

Travis, John

1998 *The C1 to C6 Spectrum*
Evangelical Missions Quarterly 34 (4): 407-408.

Travis, John

2000 *Messianic Muslim Followers of Jesus: A Closer Look at C5*
International Journal of Frontier Missions 17(1):53–59.

Woodberry, J. Dudley

1996 *Contextualization Among Muslims: Reusing Common Pillars*
International Journal of Frontier Missions, VOL 13:4 OCT.-DEC. 1996

Issues related to Christian-Muslim Relations

Armour, Rollin, Sr.

2003 *Christianity and the West: A Troubled History*
Orbis: Maryknoll, NY

A Catholic historian offers an excellent overview of the tense Muslim-Christian relations of the past and suggests a useful way forward.

Bulliet, Richard

2004 *The Case for Islamo-Christian Civilization*
Columbia University Press: New York

Bulliet is one of today's best historians of the Middle East. A fascinating and readable (187 pp.) book that will turn your perspective upside-down in several areas.

Chapman, Colin

2002 *Whose Promised Land?*
Baker: Ada, MI

A balanced and biblical evaluation of the "Palestinian problem" by an evangelical Anglican who has lived in the Near East.

Cragg, Kenneth

2005 *The Qur'an and the West*
Georgetown University Press: Washington, DC

Cragg, an Anglican bishop with six decades of writing on Muslim-Christian issues, is the dean of Christian Islamicists (he is 97 and still writing!). This book summarizes some of his best themes with pertinent comments on the post-9/11 period.

Shenk, David W.

- 2003 *Journeys of the Muslim Nation and the Christian Church: Exploring the mission of two communities*
Herald Press: Scottdale, PA
A Mennonite with years of ministry experience with Muslims all over the world offers wonderful glimpses of what God is doing today; one of today's giants in low-key Muslim evangelism and dialogue.

van Gorder, A. Christian

- 2003 *No God but God: A Path to Muslim-Christian Dialogue on God's Nature*
Orbis: Maryknoll, NY
Part apologetic, part dialogue; an excellent book by an evangelical Islamicist who teaches at Baylor University.

Important issues in contemporary Islam

Abdo, Geneive

- 2006 *Mecca and Main Street: Muslim Life in America After 9/11*
Oxford University Press: Oxford and New York
A journalist for many years in the Mideast, Abdo has written important books on Islamic movements in Egypt and Iran. This one is based on two years of interviews in American mosques – a must-read in order to understand practicing U.S. Muslims (remembering that this leaves out probably two thirds of this population of 5 million).

Abou El Fadl, Khaled

- 2005 *Great Theft: Wrestling Islam from the Extremists*
HarperSanFrancisco: New York and San Francisco
If you wanted to read how an influential American Muslim scholar denounces Islamism, this is it—there are many others, but this is the most readable, articulate and in-your-face. Abou El Fadl (Yemeni-American, chair of the Islamic Law Department at UCLA, often interviewed in the U.S. media, living with death threats).

Cook, David

- 2005 *Understanding Jihad*
University of California Press: Berkeley, Los Angeles and London
The best book for those interested in this topic: from violence in the Qur'an to jihadist groups today, with some primary sources in the appendixes. Sadly, there is a lot of disinformation on this issue in the media, but also written by well-meaning Christians. FYI: Cook is an evangelical Islamicist who teaches at Rice University.

Esposito, John L and Dalia Mogahed

- 2007 *Who Speaks for Islam? What a Billion Muslims Really Think*
Gallup Press: New York
This book summarizes the massive Gallup research project (2001-2007) which interviewed tens of thousands of Muslims from more than 35 nations. This book allows you to hear what Muslims think about many relevant issues.

Feldman, Noah

2008 *The Fall and Rise of the Islamic State*

Princeton University Press: Princeton, NJ

Feldman is a rising star: not yet 40, he teaches law at Harvard, helped to write the Iraqi constitution, and is a pretty good Islamicist on top of that! This very readable book (189 pp.) explains in simple terms the past and present relationship between Islam and the state.