



Selected Resources For Learning About Islam

(these materials should be available through your local bookstore or the internet)

Books

• Introductions to Islam

1. Muslim Friends: An Introduction to Islam, by Roland E. Miller (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1995.)
This easy-reading introduction to Islam is marked by its depth of scholarship and the author's style oriented toward giving the non-Muslim a sense of what it "feels like" to be Muslim. The Rev. Dr. Miller is a retired Lutheran missionary and professor who served in India, Canada and the USA.
2. The Call of the Minaret, 2nd edition, by Kenneth Cragg (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1985.)
This is a classic work from a renowned Christian scholar of Islam, eloquently written to give the Christian reader an introduction to Islam and to help provide a foundation for understanding and healing relationships between Christians and Muslims.
3. Islam: An Introduction for Christians, by Paul Varo Martinson, ed., trans. Stephanie Ormsby Cox. (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1994.)
From Dudley Woodberry: "*An empathetic overview of Islam, including North American, and Muslim Christian encounters.*"

• Muhammad

1. The Life of Muhammad, by [Ibn] Ishaq, ed. Ibn Hisham, trans. Alfred Guillaume. (London: Oxford University Press, 1955.)
This is the earliest biography of Muhammad.
2. Muhammad; prophet and statesman, by W. Montgomery Watt (London: Oxford University Press, 1961.)

• Revival (Peaceful and Violent)

1. The Islamic Threat: Myth or Reality, 3rd edition, by John L. Esposito (London: Oxford University Press, 1999.)
This is an invaluable summary of 20th century Islamic revival that illustrates the diversity of Muslims and confronts grave errors that our analysts make by assuming a hostile and monolithic Islam. He details leading Muslim figures and movements around the globe while underlining the vitality of Islam as a global force and the tendency away from violence and toward parliamentary practice. Dr. Esposito is a Professor of Religion/International Affairs and Director of the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University.
2. Passionate Believing: The "Fundamentalist" Face of Islam, by Bill A. Musk (Tunbridge Wells, Kent, UK: MARC Europe/Monarch Publications 1992.)
A helpful history and "big picture" of revival and implications for Christian presence.
3. Islam : the fear and the hope, by Habib Boularès (London/Atlantic Highlands, N.J.: Zed Books, 1990.)

• **Christian Witness**

1. Christian Witness Among Muslims: A Guide to Understanding the Muslim Religion Through the Eyes of Jesus, (Living Sacrifice Book Company, 1994.)
This very short book provides helpful insights on 11 Christian beliefs, questions Muslims ask about them, and practical suggestions to help you discuss these with a Muslim friend. Also included is a helpful section titled "Christian attitudes toward Muslims." Written over many years by anonymous contributors in various parts of Africa and the Middle East, this book is a labor of love.
2. Building Bridges, by Fouad Elias Accad (Nav Press 1997.)
3. Sharing Your Faith With a Muslim, by Abdiyah Akbar Abdul-Haqq (Bethany House Publishers, 1980.)
This book is written with the assumption that "an effective evangelistic approach to the adherents of Islam must be based upon a study of Christ as he is found in both Scripture and the Koran." authored by a 2nd generation Christian whose father converted from Islam.
4. The Unseen Face of Islam: Sharing the Gospel with Ordinary Muslims, by Bill Musk (Crowborough, E. Sussex, UK: Monarch Publications, 1989.)
From Dudley Woodberry: An excellent resource to help the Christian appreciate "folk" or non-orthodox Islam and the effects it has on common Muslims around the globe.
5. Planting Churches in Muslim Cities: A Team Approach, Greg Livingston (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Book House, 1993.)
From Dudley Woodberry: The challenge, prerequisites, and task of planting churches in Muslim cities by the founding director of Frontiers, the largest agency of church-planting teams among Muslims.
6. New Paths in Muslim Evangelism: Evangelical Approaches to Contextualization, by Phil Parshall (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Book House.)
From Dudley Woodberry: Still a foundational study on the biblical basis, theory, and application of

contextualization among Muslims.

7. Reaching Muslims for Christ, William J. Saal (Chicago: Moody Press, 1993.)
From Dudley Woodberry: *An overview of the major factors in witness to Muslims: understanding Muslims, Christian answers to their questions, strategies, and resources.*

• Dialogue

1. Islam From Within: Anthology of a Religion., Kenneth Cragg and Marston Speight (Belmont, Calif.: Wadsworth Publishing Co., 1980.)
From Dudley Woodberry: *Translation of Muslim sources from the Quran, worship, law, theology, art, mysticism, and contemporary writings.*
2. Jesus and the Muslim: An Exploration, by Kenneth Cragg (London: George Allen and Unwin. 1985.)
From Dudley Woodberry: *The Islamic portrayal of Jesus in the Quran and Tradition and what unites and divides Christian and Muslim Christologies.*

Materials on CD

1. The World of Islam: Resources for Understanding (Global Mapping International, 2000)
This CD-ROM contains the full text of forty-five books and articles, the new Survey of Islam, seven basic educational Courses on Islam, Maps & Photographs, and an annotated Bibliography. presented in a compact, portable, and inexpensive library, and extends the life of some out-of-print materials. available for \$39.99 through www.ywam.org/books/

Videos

1. Living Islam, a BBC-TV production in association with Ambrose Video Publishing (New York, NY : Ambrose Video Publishing, c1993.)
In 6 half-hour sessions you get a dynamic look at Islam through Muslim eyes.
2. Islamic conversations (Films for the Humanities & Sciences, c1994.)
Six ½ hour programs, each featuring an interview with a Muslim leader on a specific topic. Topics include: Islam and pluralism; Islam and Christianity; Islam and war; Islamic state; Authority and change; Women and Islam.

Websites

- **Muslim sites**

1. <http://www.makkah.com/other.htm>

This page provides links to Muslim Student Association home-pages around North America and England as well as links to Qur'an translations in various languages and Hadith collections.

2. <http://soundvision.com/>

"The Vision of Sound Vision: The attitudes and behavior of men and women today are shaped and molded by the media whose ideals and images, by and large, are non-Islamic. Sound Vision aims to produce content with Islamic ideals and images for all current and future media."

3. www.islam.org

From Dudley Woodberry: Islamicity: Very impressive site visually and in wide variety of content locally and through links. Online videos... Overview of Islam... Qur'an, Hadith, Salat sound recordings. Information links to Muslim nations' Web sites. Cyber Bookstore. Islamic art section, with text and lots of photos, including Islamic mosques and shrines.

4. www.kazi.com

From Dudley Woodberry: Kazi Publications: Large selection of books, software, etc. on Islam. Claim to be the largest Muslim bookstore online.

- **Christian-Muslim relations**

1. <http://www.cmcu.net/>

This is the home page of The Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University.

2. www.gmi.org

Global Mapping International: List of links to sites on Islam, updated regularly at www.gmi.org/islam.htm. Many mission research resources and links.

3. www.spotlights.org

Dedicated to in depth responses to Muslim theological questions.