

# EV 745 Evangelism in the Muslim World

## Winter 2005

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### Course Description

- This seminar course focuses on the various ways Christians do evangelism in the Muslim World and on the most meaningful way to evangelize them. Evangelism is never done in a vacuum. There are historical, cultural, political, economic and spiritual factors that affect how well Christians do the “work of an evangelist” among Muslim people. All these factors are taken into account to come to terms with how well believers in Christ reach out to the Islamic World.
- In the next 10 years we will witness a significant rise in conflict between three world views vying for our allegiance: the Secular...Islamic...and Christian world views. How we handle ourselves in this growing conflict will determine how successful we are in reaching our lost world for Christ in general and the Muslim world for Christ in particular.

### Course Objectives

- To learn the differences and similarities between Islam and Christianity.
- To learn how to talk to a Muslim intelligently about their beliefs without being embarrassed.
- To learn how to talk about our own Christian faith with confidence, clarity & conviction.
- To understand the present Islamic World and the predominant issues and tensions between our two monotheistic religions.

### Required Texts

- The Bible
- Christine Schirmacher, The Islamic View of Major Christian Teachings.  
RVB International, 2001 [Reformatrischer Verlag Beese]
  - Due Date: February 17 [3 weeks/book]
- Gordon D. Nickel, Peaceable Witness Among Muslims. [Herald Press, 1999]
  - Due Date: February 17 [3 weeks/book]

## Course Requirements & Grade

A. **Research Essay Assignment** [Due Date: March 31] (25% of final grade)

- ✘ Between the two great monotheistic religions of Christianity & Islam there is the problem of present-day politics, the problem of a troubling history & the problem of diverse cultures. Without a doubt, the political, historical & cultural landscape impacts the way we do evangelism in the Islamic World.
- ✘ Write a 20 page research-essay on how this reality impacts the way we do evangelism in the Muslim world.
- ✘ Use class material & all the research material you can gather & assimilate to formulate a well reasoned argument with proper footnotes & a bibliography of sources used.
- ✘ Make an appointment with your professor to discuss your ideas & your questions about the assignment—if you need to.

B. **Soul Integration:** A practical spiritual formation exercise where the student will put into practice what is being learned by actually:

- a. talking with a Muslim person for at least 2 hours, and
- b. writing up that encounter/experience in a paper no less than 3 pages, and
- c. presenting it in class on the due date. Provide a copy for the professor & each student the class.
- d. You are welcome to talk with more than one Muslim person as time & interest permits you.

[Due Date: March 17<sup>th</sup>] (15% of final grade)

C. **Midterm Exam**—on February 24<sup>th</sup> in the first hour class. The midterm will be based on assigned readings and on class notes & discussion. [Oral & Written]

(30% of final grade)

D. **Final Exam**—on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The final exam will be based on assigned readings, class notes & discussion over the whole semester. [Oral & Written]

(30% of final grade)

E. **Reading:** Each student is expected to read the two course texts & selected readings as given by the professor. On the final exam you will be asked what percentage of the readings you have done.

F. **Scripture Memorization**

## Selected Texts

### Evangelism in General

- Michael Green, Evangelism Through the Local Church, [Nelson, 1992]
- Michael Green, Evangelism in the Early Church. [out of print]
- Randy Newman, Questioning Evangelism, [Kregel 2004]
- Robert E. Webber, Ancient-Future Evangelism, [Baker 2003]

### Muslim Focused

- Abdiyah Akbar Abdul-Haqq, Sharing Your Faith with a Muslim. [Bethany Fellowship, 1980]
- Ravi Zacharias, Light in the Shadow of Jihad. [Multnomah, 2002]
- The Gospel for Islam: Reaching Muslims in North America. Edited by Roy Oksnevad & Dotsey Welliver. [EMIS, 2001]
- Timothy George, Is the Father of Jesus the God of Muhammad? [Zondervan, 2002]
- Corrigan-Denny-Eire-Jaffee, Jews, Christians, Muslims: A Comparative Introduction to Monotheistic Religions. [Prentice-Hall, 1998]
- Roland Muller, Tools for Muslim Evangelism. [Essence Publishing, 2000]
- Ibn Warraq, Leaving Islam. [Prometheus Books, 2003]
- Robert Spencer, Islam Unveiled. [Encounter Books, 2002]
- Emir Fethi Caner & Ergun Mehmet Caner, More than a Prophet. [Kregel, 2003]
- Yohanan Friedman, Tolerance & Coercion in Islam. [Cambridge University Press, 2003]
- Daniel Pipes, Militant Islam Reaches America. [Norton, 2002]
- Irshad Manji, The Trouble with Islam. [St. Martin's Press, 2003]