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Muslim-Christian Relations in Central Asia - Christian van Gorder
2008-06-05

This book explores issues of cultural tension that affect Muslim and Christian interaction within the Central Asian context. It looks at the ways that Christians have interacted with Central Asian Muslims in the past, and discusses what might need to be done to improve Muslim-Christian relations in the region in the present and future. Since the time that Nestorian Christian missionaries traveled eastward from Asia Minor along the Silk Road, and Islamic cultures came to the region in the 7th century, Christians and Muslims have shared a unique relationship in a fascinating cultural milieu. Under the reigns of various conquerors, Czars, Soviets and modern nationalist strong-men, the ever changing political and economic situation of these former Soviet Republics has dramatically affected the ways that Muslims and Christians have practiced their faith. Today, as Muslims and Christians work to stabilize their interactions, they face new challenges because of the activities of Protestant Christian and Islamist missionaries who are flooding into

Central Asia as never before. The book corrects common misunderstandings of Central Asia as a cultural backwater, and is a valuable introduction to Muslim and Christian interactions in one of the most quickly changing regions of the globe. It will appeal to readers interested in Muslim-Christian interaction, and for researchers in the field of World Religions, Central Asian Studies and Intercultural Studies.

Getting Jesus Right: How Muslims Get Jesus and Islam Wrong - James A Beverley 2015-06-01

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT MUSLIMS ARE WRONG ABOUT JESUS AND VARIOUS TENETS OF ISLAM? Is the famous Muslim writer Reza Aslan mistaken in his portrayal of Jesus of Nazareth and apologetic for Islam? Professor James Beverley and Professor Craig Evans take an in-depth look at subjects at the core of the Muslim-Christian divide: the reliability of the New Testament Gospels and the Qur'an, and what we can really know about Jesus and the prophet Muhammad. Importantly, they also examine the implications of traditional Islamic faith on the status of women, jihad and terrorism. **The Development of Exegesis in Early Islam** - Herbert Berg 2013-04-03

The most important debate in Islamic origins is that of the reliability of the lists of transmitters (isnads) that are said to guarantee the authenticity of the materials to which they are attached. Many scholars have come to the conclusion that most traditions (hadiths), which claim to preserve the words and deeds of Muhammad and early Muslim scholars, are spurious. Other scholars defend hadiths and their isnads, arguing for an early continuous written transmission of these materials. The first purpose of this study is to summarize and critique the major positions on the issue of the authenticity of hadiths in general and exegetical hadiths in particular. The second purpose is to devise a means of evaluating isnads that does not rely on circular arguments and to use it to determine if the hadiths in the Tafsir of al-Tabari, attributed to Ibn 'Abbas, are genuine.

Eyewitness Islam - DK 2018-06-07
From Ramadan and the Qur'an, to the traditional dress and artistic motifs, learn all about the world's fastest growing religion in this unique guide. Packed with stories of Islam's evolution and spread, Eyewitness Islam comes with colourful images, detailed illustrations of ancient objects, and narratives that bring Islamic culture alive on the page. Delve into Islam's rich heritage and community, discover the trade and travel stories of Muslim armies, learn about the traditional attire and symbols of the religion, and much more. This children's book explores the religion's vibrant history while answering questions such as why Muslims fast, what the five pillars of Islam are, and what happens during the pilgrimage to Mecca. The visual guide helps you understand how Islam travelled across countries, from Spain to China, and

gives a fascinating account of how the Islamic faith influenced cultures around the world. Gain insight into the layout of a mosque, the lives of important figures, as well as scholarly feats in astronomy, mathematics, medicine, and other sciences. All this and more makes Eyewitness Islam the perfect guide for kids, helping them to understand this important religion and discover its fascinating history and culture.

Violence in Islamic Thought from the Qur'an to the Mongols - Robert Gleave
2015-04-14

This volume brings together some of the leading researchers on early Islamic history and thought to study the legitimacy of violence.

Seeing Islam as Others Saw It: A Survey and Evaluation of Christian, Jewish and Zoroastrian Writings on Early Islam - Robert G. Hoyland
2014-01-10

This book offers a new approach to the vexing question of how to write the early history of Islam. The first part discusses the nature of the Muslim and non-Muslim source material for the seventh- and eighth-century Middle East and argues that by lessening the divide between these two traditions, which has largely been erected by modern scholarship, we can come to a better appreciation of this crucial period. The second part gives a detailed survey of sources and an analysis of some 120 non-Muslim texts, all of which provide information about the first century and a half of Islam (roughly A.D. 620-780). The third part furnishes examples, according to the approach suggested in the first part and with the material presented in the second part, how one might write the history of this time. The fourth part takes the form of excurses on various topics, such as the process of Islamization, the phenomenon of conversion to Islam, the development

of techniques for determining the direction of prayer, and the conquest of Egypt. Because this work views Islamic history with the aid of non-Muslim texts and assesses the latter in the light of Muslim writings, it will be essential reading for historians of Islam, Christianity, Judaism, or Zoroastrianism--indeed, for all those with an interest in cultures of the eastern Mediterranean in its traditional phase from Late Antiquity to medieval times.

End Times Eyewitness - Joel Richardson 2014-10-27

Is the return of Jesus closer than you think? What are the most powerful prophetic signs being fulfilled in the earth today? How is the new Middle East after the Arab Spring aligning with the testimony of the biblical prophets? What are the little known prophetic signs that few are paying attention to? *End Times Eyewitness* takes you on a firsthand journey into the heart of the biblical world, to the front lines of the ongoing Middle Eastern revolutions, to discover the shocking answer to all of these questions. Filmed in several nations and featuring the testimonies of global Christian leaders, pastors, theologians, and missionaries, *End Times Eyewitness* reveals which biblical prophecies of the last days are being fulfilled in the earth today and what is coming next? Join New York Times bestselling author Joel Richardson as he interviews: The legendary Old Testament scholar Walter C. Kaiser Jr. Adnan Oktar, a Turkish Muslim leader who talks about the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple – with the help of Muslims Sheikh Ekrima Said Sabri, the son of the late Grand Mufti of Jerusalem who explains Islamic eschatological belief that Jesus will return to lead the Caliphate and require Christians to convert to Islam Rabbi Yehuda

Glick, head of the Temple Mount Heritage Foundation International House of Prayer director Mike Bickle And many other Christian leaders from Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, and the United States Filmed in the Middle East in the midsts of uprisings and revolutionary fervor, *End Times Eyewitness*, produced by WND Films with Joel Richardson, goes farther and deeper into the heart of the conflict than what network news teams dare to venture. The access provided was unprecedented. The footage captured is remarkable. The biblical insights from scholars, reporters, Rabbis, and Christian leaders are startling.

Islam - Philip Wilkinson 2018

Learn all about Islam, the world's fastest growing religion. From Ramadan and the Qur'an, to the traditional dress, feasts, and rich design - all this and more are explained in this unique guide. Filled with colourful photographs and vibrant history, delve into Islam's culture and communities, and find out the answers to questions such as why Muslims fast, what are the five pillars of Islam, and what happens during the pilgrimage to Mecca? Stunning photography brings the culture alive on the page, while ancient objects, such as inscribed coins and scientific instruments, illustrate the rich history of this influential world religion. Learn how Islam spread across many continents, from Spain to China, and find out about the annual festivals in the Muslim calendar. Understand the layout of a mosque, and Islam's role in scholarly learning, from astronomy to mathematics and medicine. Learn about the first conquests and the arms and armour of the Islamic world, including gilded battle-axes and decorated shields, and read about Islam's important figures, including the scholar Avicenna, the traveller

Ibn Battuta, and the military leader Saladin. DK Eyewitness Islam also includes a poster for you to hang on your wall. All this and more makes DK Eyewitness Islam the perfect guide to Islam for kids, helping them to understand this important religion, and discover its fascinating history and culture.

The Crisis of Islam - Bernard Lewis
2004-03-02

In his first book since *What Went Wrong?* Bernard Lewis examines the historical roots of the resentments that dominate the Islamic world today and that are increasingly being expressed in acts of terrorism. He looks at the theological origins of political Islam and takes us through the rise of militant Islam in Iran, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia, examining the impact of radical Wahhabi proselytizing, and Saudi oil money, on the rest of the Islamic world. *The Crisis of Islam* ranges widely through thirteen centuries of history, but in particular it charts the key events of the twentieth century leading up to the violent confrontations of today: the creation of the state of Israel, the Cold War, the Iranian Revolution, the Soviet defeat in Afghanistan, the Gulf War, and the September 11th attacks on the United States. While hostility toward the West has a long and varied history in the lands of Islam, its current concentration on America is new. So too is the cult of the suicide bomber. Brilliantly disentangling the crosscurrents of Middle Eastern history from the rhetoric of its manipulators, Bernard Lewis helps us understand the reasons for the increasingly dogmatic rejection of modernity by many in the Muslim world in favor of a return to a sacred past. Based on his George Polk Award-winning article for *The New Yorker*, *The Crisis of Islam* is essential reading for anyone who

wants to know what Usama bin Ladin represents and why his murderous message resonates so widely in the Islamic world.

Judaism - Douglas Charing 2003
Explores the history, faith, and culture that have shaped the modern Jewish world.

Seeds of Terror - Maria Ressa
2004-03-10

For anyone wishing to understand the next, post-9/11 generation of al-Qaeda planning, leadership, and tactics, there is only one place to begin: Southeast Asia. In fact, such countries as the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia have been crucial nodes in the al-Qaeda network since long before the strikes on the Pentagon and World Trade Center, but when the allies overran Afghanistan, the new camps in Southeast Asia became the key training grounds for the future. It is in the Muslim strongholds in the Philippines and Indonesia that the next generation of al-Qaeda can be found. In this powerful, eye-opening work, Maria Ressa casts the most illuminating light ever on this fascinating but little-known "terrorist HQ." Every major al-Qaeda attack since 1993 has had a connection to the Philippines, and Maria Ressa, CNN's lead investigative reporter for Asia and a Filipino-American who has lived in the region since 1986, has broken story after story about them. From the early, failed attempts to assassinate Pope John Paul II and Bill Clinton to the planning of the 9/11 strikes and the "48 Hours of Terror," in which eleven American jetliners were to be blown up over the Pacific, she has interviewed the terrorists, their neighbors and families, and the investigators from six different countries who have tracked them down. After the Bali bombing, al-Qaeda's worst strike since 9/11, which killed

more than two hundred, Ressa broke major revelations about how it was planned, why it was a Plan B substitute for an even more ambitious scheme aimed at Singapore, and why the suicide bomber recruited to deliver the explosives almost caused the whole plan to fall apart when he admitted he could barely drive a car. Above all, Ressa has seen how al-Qaeda's tactics are shifting under the pressures of the war on terror. Rather than depending upon its own core membership (estimated at three to four thousand at its peak), the network is now enmeshing itself in local conflicts, co-opting Muslim independence movements wherever they can be found, and helping local "revolutionaries" to fund, plan, and execute sinister attacks against their neighbors and the West. If history is any guide, al-Qaeda revisits its plans over and over until they can succeed -- and many of those plans have already been discovered and are here revealed, thanks to classified investigative documents uncovered by Ressa.

History of Islam - Frances O'Connor
2009-01-15

Explains the formation, sects, history, and population distribution of Islam.

In the Lion's Den - Andrew Tabler
2011

Provides a rare glimpse into the machinations of one of the world's most baffling political systems, examining what has gone wrong and how Washington should deal with this volatile Middle Eastern nation -- Publisher.

DK Eyewitness Books: Islam - DK
2018-06-19

Discover Islam--the faith, culture, and history that have shaped the Islamic world. Explore the world's fastest-growing religion--from the Prophet Muhammad to Ramadan and the Qu'ran. Learn about traditional

Islamic dress, feasts, and Islam's rich tradition of design. Why do Muslims fast? What are the five pillars of Islam? What happens during the pilgrimage to Mecca? How did Islam spread across the world, from Spain to China? Find answers to these questions and more. Read about annual festivals in the Muslim calendar, including Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al-Adha. View the layout of a mosque and see Islam's role in scholarly learning, from astronomy to mathematics and medicine. Learn about the religion's first conquests and the arms and armor of the Islamic world. Read about Islam's important figures, including the scholar Avicenna, the explorer Ibn Battuta, and the military leader Saladin. DK Eyewitness Books: Islam is the perfect guide for kids who want to learn about this vibrant religion and culture.

Islam - Philip Wilkinson 2002
Describes Islam including its beliefs, history, and civilization.

Mosul under ISIS - Mathilde Becker Aarseth 2021-07-29

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) ruled Mosul from 2014-2017 in accordance with its extremist interpretation of sharia. But beyond what is known about ISIS governance in the city from the group's own materials, very little is understood about the reality of its rule, or reasons for its failure, from those who actually lived under it. This book reveals what was going on inside ISIS institutions based on accounts from the civilians themselves. Focusing on ISIS governance of education, healthcare and policing, the interviewees include: teachers who were forced to teach the group's new curriculum; professors who organized secret classes in private; doctors who took direct orders from ISIS leaders and worked in their headquarters; bureaucratic staff who

worked for ISIS. These accounts provide unique insight into the lived realities in the controlled territories and reveal how the terrorist group balanced their commitment to Islamist ideology with the practical challenges of state building. Moving beyond the simplistic dichotomy of civilians as either passive victims or ISIS supporters, Mathilde Becker Aarseth highlights here those people who actively resisted or affected the way in which ISIS ruled. The book invites readers to understand civilians' complex relationship to the extremist group in the context of fragmented state power and a city torn apart by the occupation.

The Islam Book - DK 2020-08-04

Learn about the history and traditions of the Islamic faith in *The Islam Book*. Part of the fascinating Big Ideas series, this book tackles tricky topics and themes in a simple and easy to follow format. Learn about Islam in this overview guide to the subject, brilliant for novices looking to find out more and experts wishing to refresh their knowledge alike! *The Islam Book* brings a fresh and vibrant take on the topic through eye-catching graphics and diagrams to immerse yourself in. This captivating book will broaden your understanding of Islam, with: - Images of Islamic art, architecture, calligraphy, and historical artifacts - Packed with facts, charts, timelines and graphs to help explain core concepts - A visual approach to big subjects with striking illustrations and graphics throughout - Straightforward text makes topics accessible for people at any level of understanding *The Islam Book* is a comprehensive guide essential to understanding the world's fastest-growing religion - aimed at self-educators after a trustworthy account and religious

studies students wanting to gain an overview. Here you'll find clear factual writing offering insight into terms like Sharia law, the Caliphate, and jihad; Sunni and Shia divisions; and Sufi poetry and music. *Your Islam Questions, Simply Explained* This essential guide to Islam covers every aspect of the Muslim faith and its history - from the life of the Prophet Muhammad and the teachings of the Koran to Islam in the 21st century. If you thought it was difficult to learn about one of the world's major religions, *The Islam Book* presents key information in an easy to follow layout. Find out about modern issues such as fundamentalism, the work of peaceful traditionalists, modernizers, and women's rights campaigners, as well as the central tenets of Islam, such as prayer, fasting, and pilgrimage. The Big Ideas Series With millions of copies sold worldwide, *The Islam Book* is part of the award-winning Big Ideas series from DK. The series uses striking graphics along with engaging writing, making big topics easy to understand.

Islam - Philip Wilkinson

?ad?th As Scripture - A. Musa

2008-05-12

This work explores the earliest extant discussions on the authority of the Hadith in Islam and compares them with contemporary debates. These lively and often polemical debates are mostly popular discussions in which Muslims from different backgrounds and cultures participate - making this topic relevant to Muslims in their daily lives, as well as a question of academic interest. What makes this book unique is that it is the first study to take into account both the earliest and most recent discussions of the oral tradition of the prophet Muhammad. The book also includes the first

Western language translation of al-Shafi'i's *Kitab Jima' al-'Ilm*, which articulates arguments that were critical in establishing the position of the Hadith in mainstream Islam.

The Expert Witness in Islamic Courts
- Ron Shaham 2010-04-15

Islam's tense relationship with modernity is one of the most crucial issues of our time. Within Islamic legal systems, with their traditional preference for eyewitness testimony, this struggle has played a significant role in attitudes toward expert witnesses. Utilizing a uniquely comparative approach, Ron Shaham here examines the evolution of the role of such witnesses in a number of Arab countries from the premodern period to the present. Shaham begins with a history of expert testimony in medieval Islamic culture, analyzing the different roles played by male experts, especially physicians and architects, and females, particularly midwives. From there, he focuses on the case of Egypt, tracing the country's reform of its traditional legal system along European lines beginning in the late nineteenth century. Returning to a broader perspective, Shaham draws on a variety of legal and historical sources to place the phenomenon of expert testimony in cultural context. A truly comprehensive resource, *The Expert Witness in Islamic Courts* will be sought out by a broad spectrum of scholars working in history, religion, gender studies, and law.

L'Islam - Philip Wilkinson 2005

Pope Francis - Father Michael Collins
2015-08-04

Pope Francis: A Photographic Portrait of the People's Pope offers a rare look at life behind the scenes with His Holiness Pope Francis. Inspiring photographs from one of Pope Francis' official photographers, Rodolfo Felici, capture both significant and

informal events, from papal visits throughout the world to spontaneous moments at the Vatican, creating an exceptionally intimate portrait of the pope and an inside look at papal life. In *Pope Francis: A Photographic Portrait of the People's Pope*, this close-up is coupled with the inside knowledge of author Father Michael Collins, a former adviser at the Vatican, who provides a complete look at the workings of the papacy and the Holy City. Created in full cooperation with the Vatican, *Pope Francis: A Photographic Portrait of the People's Pope* is a beautiful tribute to His Pope Francis, the first Jesuit and Latin American pope and a true pope of the people.

DK Eyewitness Egypt - DK Eyewitness
2016-02-02

DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Egypt is your in-depth guide to the very best of the oldest tourist destination on Earth. Take day trips and excursions to see ancient pyramids, visit the monuments of the Nile Valley and the souks, mosques and madrassas of Islamic Cairo, experience local festivals and markets, and don't miss out on the delicious street food. Discover *DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Egypt*. + Detailed itineraries and "don't-miss" destination highlights at a glance. + Illustrated cutaway 3-D drawings of important sights. + Floor plans and guided visitor information for major museums. + Guided walking tours, local drink and dining specialties to try, things to do, and places to eat, drink, and shop by area. + Area maps marked with sights. + Detailed city map of Cairo includes street finder indexes for easy navigation. + Insights into history and culture to help you understand the stories behind the sights. + Hotel and restaurant listings highlight DK Choice special recommendations. With hundreds of full-color photographs, hand-drawn

illustrations, and custom maps that illuminate every page, DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Egypt truly shows you this country as no one else can.

John of Damascus, First Apologist to the Muslims - Daniel J. Janosik
2016-11-08

Much of the world today is convulsed in an epic struggle between the Christian West and Islam. Scholars seeking to understand the issues look back in history to unearth the roots of this conflict. Of great value in this effort are the writings of an eyewitness, a devoted Christian who served as chief financial officer of the Umayyad Empire and wrote at the time Islam was developing. John of Damascus (675-750) authored two major works, the Heresy of the Ishmaelites and the Disputation between a Christian and a Saracen, to provide an apologetic response to Islam from a Christian perspective. His writings shed light on many questions that are pertinent today: When was the Qur'an actually written? What was the role of the powerful caliph Abd al-Malik in the making of Muhammad? How did the theological issues related to the deity of Christ and the Trinity develop in the early days of Islam? This book delves into the life of John and studies his apologetic writings in detail, utilizing the first English translation from the critical text. It seeks to address these questions thoughtfully, provide valuable insights from the past, and then equip today's church as it engages with Islam.

The First Muslim - Lesley Hazleton
2013-01-24

The extraordinary life of the man who founded Islam, and the world he inhabited—and remade. Lesley Hazleton's new book, *Agnostic: A Spirited Manifesto*, is out now from Riverhead Books. Muhammad's was a life of almost unparalleled historical importance; yet for all

the iconic power of his name, the intensely dramatic story of the prophet of Islam is not well known. In *The First Muslim*, Lesley Hazleton brings him vibrantly to life. Drawing on early eyewitness sources and on history, politics, religion, and psychology, she renders him as a man in full, in all his complexity and vitality. Hazleton's account follows the arc of Muhammad's rise from powerlessness to power, from anonymity to renown, from insignificance to lasting significance. How did a child shunted to the margins end up revolutionizing his world? How did a merchant come to challenge the established order with a new vision of social justice? How did the pariah hounded out of Mecca turn exile into a new and victorious beginning? How did the outsider become the ultimate insider? Impeccably researched and thrillingly readable, Hazleton's narrative creates vivid insight into a man navigating between idealism and pragmatism, faith and politics, nonviolence and violence, rejection and acclaim. *The First Muslim* illuminates not only an immensely significant figure but his lastingly relevant legacy.

The Book of Contemplation - Usama ibn Munqidh 2008-07-03

The volume comprises lightly annotated translation of a key medieval Arabic text that bears directly on the Crusades and Crusader society and the Muslim experience of them.

Remaking Muslim Lives - David Henig
2020-10-26

The violent disintegration of Yugoslavia and the cultural and economic dispossession caused by the collapse of socialism continue to force Muslims in Bosnia and Herzegovina to reconfigure their religious lives and societal values. David Henig draws on a decade of

fieldwork to examine the historical, social, and emotional labor undertaken by people to live in an unfinished past--and how doing so shapes the present. In particular, Henig questions how contemporary religious imagination, experience, and practice infuse and interact with social forms like family and neighborhood and with the legacies of past ruptures and critical events. His observations and analysis go to the heart of how societal and historical entanglements shape, fracture, and reconfigure religious convictions and conduct. Provocative and laden with eyewitness detail, *Remaking Muslim Lives* offers a rare sustained look at what it means to be Muslim and live a Muslim life in contemporary Bosnia and Herzegovina.

DK Eyewitness Books: Religion -

Myrtle Langley 2005-04-11

DK Eyewitness Books: Religion is a revealing and enlightening guide to the religions of the world. Superb color photographs give the reader "eyewitness" insight into the beliefs of different religions and into the lives of their founders and followers. See a Passover meal, a lama's headdress, the Wheel of Existence, a picture of Christ's Crucifixion, a Buddhist monk, and a shaman's mask. Learn why Buddhists meditate, who Mahavira was, what the five pillars of Islam are, what the Tao is, why Sikhs wear turbans, and what Confucius taught. Discover the meaning of the Yin-Yang symbol, why Zoroastrians worship in fire temples, the role of ancestors in primal religions, why Christians celebrate Holy Communion, what a Bar Mitzvah is, why the god Ganesh has the head of an elephant, and much, much more. Discover the teachings, history, beliefs, and practices of the world's organized faiths in *Eyewitness: Religion*.

THE GUIDE TO ANSWERING ISLAM - Daniel

Janosik 2019-01-26

The average Christian knows somewhat how dangerous radical Islam is because of the regular media coverage of beheadings of Christians, Jews, and even young little children, not to mention Muslims with which they disagree. However, the average Christian does not know their true beliefs, just how many there are, to the extent they will go to carry out these beliefs. Daily we find Islamic commentators on the TV and radio, offering up misleading information, quoting certain portions of the Quran while leaving other parts out. When considering Islamic beliefs, other Islamic writings must be considered, like the Hadith or Sunnah, and the Shariah, or canon law. While Islam, in general, does not support radical Islam, the vast majority do support radical beliefs. For example, beheadings, stoning for adultery or homosexuality, suicide bombings, turning the world into an Islamic state, and far too many other heinous things. *THE GUIDE TO ANSWERING ISLAM* provides Christians with an overview of Islamic terminology. The reader will learn about Muhammad's calling, the history of the Quran, how Islam expanded, the death of Muhammad and the splinter groups that followed. In addition, the three sources of their teaching, six pillars of belief, five pillars of Islam, the twelfth Imam, and much more will be discussed. While there are several books on Islam and radical Islam, this will be the first that will prepare its readers to communicate effectively with Muslims in an effort toward sharing biblical truths. *THE GUIDE TO ISLAM* will be an effective evangelism tool. In addition, each chapter will end with review questions, helping the reader recall the main points of the chapter. Therefore, it can be studied alone or in a church Bible study setting. *THE GUIDE TO ANSWERING*

ISLAM has the contents constructed in a way that will greatly serve the Christian Church. There are many recent books written by Christians about Islam, and there are many books written recently about radical Islam. However, none of these recent books attempts to do what has been done, which is to give an adequate portrayal of Islam, critiqued by history and Christian doctrine, and then culminating in an extensive evaluation of the rise of Radical Islam from a Christian's perspective.

Contemporary Interpretation of Islamic Law - Ahmed Affi 2014

This book does not champion some of the popular misconceptions surrounding Islamic law. It does not advocate stoning to death; amputating the hands of thieves; call for the death penalty for those who leave the fold of Islam; or urge Muslims to save their souls from Hellfire by shunning bank loans for fear of incurring interest. What it does advocate is less sensationalistic, but it is in line with the real interpretation of Islamic law. Contemporary Interpretation of Islamic Law is divided into thirteen chapters. The majority of the chapters concentrate on criminal aspects of Islamic law, while the remainder concern themselves with social issues. Each chapter – where possible – provides background information of the topic under discussion and then proceeds to analyse, examine and critique the contentious parts of the topic, looking at the arguments from all sides and the evidence put forward by each side before arriving at a conclusion. The book is accompanied by a glossary. “Our work differs from other published titles on Islamic law as it takes into account the different aspects of the Qur’an. The Qur’an employs many parables, allegories and metaphors to highlight

important messages for Mankind, yet jurists often make the common mistake of either omitting or misinterpreting these devices, resulting in inaccurate and often unlawful rulings which have direct and indirect effects on both Muslims and non-Muslims alike. It is hoped that our work will create a better understanding of the correct interpretation of the Qur’an and Islamic law,” says authors Ahmed Affi and Hassan Affi. Contemporary Interpretation of Islamic Law will appeal to those with an interest in Islam and Islamic law, though no specialist knowledge of Arabic or Islamic law is required.

Islam - Mike Gordon 2009-08-15

Understanding Islam provides a succinct, authoritative, and accessible introduction to one of the world's great religious traditions. The subjects covered include: the Prophet and his teachings; the Quran, Hadith, and Sharia law; the history of the Islamic empire; madrasas and jihad; Shia and Sunni Islam; the Five Pillars; art and divinity; Mecca, mosques, and mihrabs; angels, jinns, and holy men; and secular nationalism and Islamic revivalism. The author is an Associate Professor in the Dept. of History at Miami University of Ohio and a published author and editor. His completed and planned publications include works on Islam and Franco-Arab encounters and on the Turkish community in 9th century Samarra.

Jesus and the Eyewitnesses - Richard Bauckham 2008-09-22

Noted New Testament scholar Bauckham challenges the prevailing assumption the accounts of Jesus circulated as “anonymous community traditions,” instead asserting that they were transmitted in the name of the original eyewitness.

Chronicles of the Crusades - Elizabeth Hallam 2000

A stunningly illustrated and accessible history of the Crusades from both sides of the war, from the 11th century to the 16th century, focuses on the eyewitness accounts of those who took part. Illustrations.

Islam - Philip Wilkinson 2002

Describes Islam including its beliefs, history, and civilization.

The 10 Things You Need to Know About Islam - Ron Rhodes

DK Eyewitness Books: Islam - Caroline Stone 2012-07-12

Explore the traditions, culture, and history of Islam with this stunning in-depth look at the complex world of one of the world's greatest religions. This guide gives a detailed look at the Qur'an and The Five Pillars of Islam and offers a list of "fascinating facts" along with a comprehensive timeline. See styles of traditional dress for men and women, discover the story of the Mughal emperor Babur, and find out what happens during hajj. Artifacts, sacred objects, and modern-day photographs combine to provide the dramatic level of detail for which the Eyewitness series is known. Discover the faith, culture, and history that have shaped the modern Islamic world

Useful Enemies - Noel Malcolm 2019-05-02

From the fall of Constantinople in 1453 until the eighteenth century, many Western European writers viewed the Ottoman Empire with almost obsessive interest. Typically they reacted to it with fear and distrust; and such feelings were reinforced by the deep hostility of Western Christendom towards Islam. Yet there was also much curiosity about the social and political system on which the huge power of the sultans was based. In the sixteenth century, especially, when Ottoman territorial expansion was rapid and Ottoman

institutions seemed particularly robust, there was even open admiration. In this path-breaking book Noel Malcolm ranges through these vital centuries of East-West interaction, studying all the ways in which thinkers in the West interpreted the Ottoman Empire as a political phenomenon - and Islam as a political religion. *Useful Enemies* shows how the concept of 'oriental despotism' began as an attempt to turn the tables on a very positive analysis of Ottoman state power, and how, as it developed, it interacted with Western debates about monarchy and government. Noel Malcolm also shows how a negative portrayal of Islam as a religion devised for political purposes was assimilated by radical writers, who extended the criticism to all religions, including Christianity itself. Examining the works of many famous thinkers (including Machiavelli, Bodin, and Montesquieu) and many less well-known ones, *Useful Enemies* illuminates the long-term development of Western ideas about the Ottomans, and about Islam. Noel Malcolm shows how these ideas became intertwined with internal Western debates about power, religion, society, and war.

Discussions of Islam and the Ottoman Empire were thus bound up with mainstream thinking in the West on a wide range of important topics. These Eastern enemies were not just there to be denounced. They were there to be made use of, in arguments which contributed significantly to the development of Western political thought.

Baroness Cox - Lela Gilbert 2007
The inspiring life story of Baroness Caroline Cox, who has used her position in British government to turn the world's attention to humanitarian causes around the globe. "With true Christian compassion fused with fierce courage, Lady Cox

continues to shun mere observation for frontline participation." -- Charles Colson, Wilberforce Award citation, Washington, USA.

Freedom of Expression in Islam -

Muhammad Khalid Masud 2021-01-28

In Muslim countries, apostasy and blasphemy laws are defended on the grounds that they are based on Islamic Shari'a and intended to protect religion. But blasphemy and apostasy laws can be used both to suppress thought and debate and to harass religious minorities, both inside and outside Islam. This book – comprising contributions from Muslim scholars, experts and activists - critically and constructively engages with the theological, historical and legal reasoning behind the most restrictive state laws around the world to open up new ways of thinking. The book focuses on the struggle within Muslim societies in Iran, Egypt, Pakistan and Indonesia where blasphemy and apostasy laws serve powerful groups to silence dissent and stifle critical thought. The first part of the book covers the development of the law in shifting historical circumstances and surveys the interpretations of Qur'anic verses that seem to affirm freedom of religion. The second part examines the present politics and practices of prosecuting alleged blasphemers and/or apostates in Muslim countries. The third part looks to the future and where reforms of the law could be possible. Debates on Islam and freedom of expression are often cast in polarizing terms of rights versus religion, East versus West. This volume avoids such approaches by bringing together a diverse group of Muslim scholars and activists with the knowledge, commitment and courage to contest repressive interpretations

of religion and provide a resource for reclaiming the human rights to freedom of expression and belief.

The Race for Paradise - Paul M. Cobb
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In 1099, when the first crusaders arrived triumphant and bloody before the walls of Jerusalem, they carved out a Christian European presence in the Islamic world that remained for centuries, bolstered by subsequent waves of new crusades and pilgrimages. But how did medieval Muslims understand these events? What does an Islamic history of the Crusades look like? The answers may surprise you. In *The Race for Paradise*, we see medieval Muslims managing this new and long-lived Crusader threat not simply as victims or as victors, but as everything in-between, on all shores of the Muslim Mediterranean, from Spain to Syria. This is not just a straightforward tale of warriors and kings clashing in the Holy Land - of military confrontations and enigmatic heroes such as the great sultan Saladin. What emerges is a more complicated story of border-crossers and turncoats; of embassies and merchants; of scholars and spies, all of them seeking to manage this new threat from the barbarian fringes of their ordered world. When seen from the perspective of medieval Muslims, the Crusades emerge as something altogether different from the high-flying rhetoric of the European chronicles: as a diplomatic chess-game to be mastered, a commercial opportunity to be seized, a cultural encounter shaping Muslim experiences of Europeans until the close of the Middle Ages - and, as so often happened, a political challenge to be exploited by ambitious rulers making canny use of the language of jihad.