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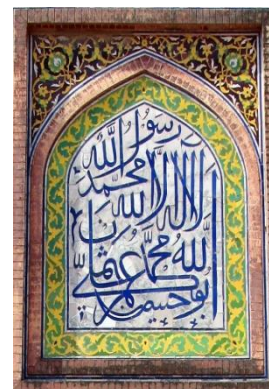


The Lord's Prayer in Farsi

COMMUNITY COURSE: UNDERSTANDING ISLAM (NOT FOR CREDIT)

May 9 – June 20, 2017
Tuesdays, 6:00- 9:00 p.m.

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The Muslim Creed in Arabic

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is offered for personal enrichment to members of the community who wish to audit a seminary course. It is designed as an in depth study and examination of Islam. Time will be given to the history and culture of Islam with the goal of preparing students to share their faith and develop a ministry to reach out to the Muslims with the Gospel. Topics covered will include the life of Mohammed, the history, growth and culture of Islam, along with the doctrines of its major sects. A portion of the course will be devoted to a brief look at the Qur'an and Qur'anic literature. The main focus will be on the theology of Islam and its worldview.

ABOUT YOUR PROFESSOR

Sohrab Ramtin was born into a Muslim family in Tehran, Iran. He came to faith in Christ in 1981 after coming to the U.S. He studied math and physics before going on to earn his MDiv from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and afterward his ThM and DMin from Southern California Seminary. Today he serves as program producer for a Christian TV and radio network to Iran and Afghanistan and teaches courses in Islamic studies and world religions.

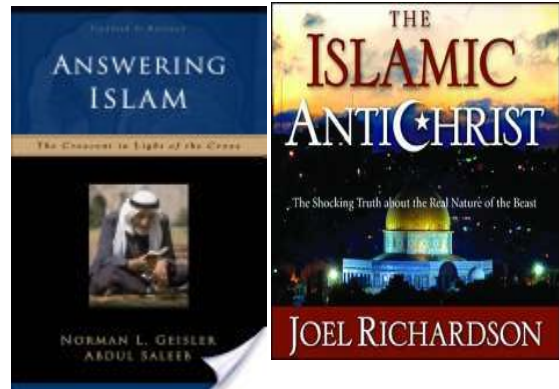
- Pastor of Iranian Christian Church of El Cajon
- Pastor of Iranian Christian Church of San Diego
- Professor at Southern California Seminary
- Teacher for Satellite TV to Iran and Afghanistan
- Teacher for Radio Program

PROFESSOR'S COMMENT

This course will focus on assisting students in gaining a deep understanding of Islamic theology in its historical context, and how to help Muslims to come to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

1. Geisler, Norman L., & Saleeb, Abdual, *Answering Islam*, Baker Books, Sixth Printing, April 2007, ISBN: 978-080-106-4302.
2. Richardson, Joel, *The Islamic Antichrist*, WorldNetDaily (WND) publication, ISBN: 1-93507-1122, 2009.

**RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS**

1. *The Holy Qur'an*, Text, Translation, and Commentary by Abdual Yusuf Ali, Published by: Tahrike Tarsile Qur'an. Inc. New York.
2. Esposito, John L., *The Oxford Dictionary of Islam*, ISBN: 978-0-512559-7.
3. Clark, Malcolm, *Islam for Dummies* (Don't be offended by the title. It is a helpful book.) Wiley Publishing, Inc., ISBN: 0-7645-5503-0.
4. Sproul, R. C., & Saleeb, Abdual, *The Dark Side of Islam*, Crossway Books, ISBN: 1-58134-441-4.
5. Hoskins, Edward J., *A Muslim Mind*, Dawson Media, ISBN-13: 978-1-93565-128-4, 2011.
6. Dashti, Ali, *Twenty Three Years, A Study of Prophetic Career of Mohammed*. This book is out of print in English. It is available by Amazon but at an expensive price. You can print it from: <http://juandeherat.blogspot.com/2012/05/twenty-three-years-ali-dashti-pdf.html>
7. Kateregga, Badru, & Shenk, David W., *Islam and Christianity: A Muslim and a Christian Dialogue*, Eerdmans Publishing Company, ISBN-13: 978-0736949903.
8. Masri, Foud, *Connecting with Muslims: A Guide to Communicating Effectively*, IVP Books (March 31, 2014), **ISBN-10:** 0830844201, **ISBN-13:** 978-0830844203.
9. McDowell, Josh, & Walker, Jim, *Understanding Islam and Christianity: Beliefs That Separate Us and How to Talk About Them*, Harvest House Publishers (October 1, 2013), ISBN: 0-86605-104-X, ISBN-10: 0736949909.
10. Nazir-Ali, Michael, *Islam: A Christian Perspective*, The Westminster Press, ISBN: 0-664-24527-7.
11. Riddell, Peter, & Cotterell, Peter, *Islam in Context: Past, Present, and Future*, Baker Academic (July 1, 2003), **ISBN-10:** 080102627X, **ISBN-13:** 978-0801026270.
12. The Mizan Ul Haqq, Or, Balance of Truth. You can read it on Google Books.

LIBRARY RESOURCES:

There are number excellent resources in the SCS library on Islam. There is a web page on the library site for this course with a list of the resources: <http://sdcc.libguides.com/islam>

SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTION

Read the table like this, “At Session ____ on _____, the scheduled session content is _____, and the assignment *due that session* is _____.”

Session	Date	Session Content	Assignment Due
1	05/09/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islamic Monotheism • Islamic View of Creation / Man • Prophets in the Qur’an 	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Geisler and Saleeb, “Answering Islam”, pp 7-69.
2	05/16/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Person of Muhammad • The Qur’an • Eschatology and Soteriology in Islam 	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Geisler and Saleeb, “Answering Islam”, pp 70-131. <input type="checkbox"/> Read Richardson, “The Islamic Antichrist”, pp 1-16
3	05/23/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Evaluation of Islamic Monotheism • An Evaluation of Muhammad • An Evaluation of the Qur’an 	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Geisler and Saleeb, “Answering Islam”, pp 133-210. <input type="checkbox"/> Read Richardson, “The Islamic Antichrist”, pp 17-50
4	05/30/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Defense of The Bible in Light of Islamic Attacks • A Defense of the Deity of Christ in the Light of Islamic Attacks 	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Geisler and Saleeb, “Answering Islam”, pp 211- 262. <input type="checkbox"/> Read Richardson, “The Islamic Antichrist”, pp 51-102
5	06/06/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Defense of Trinitarian Doctrine in the Light of Islamic Attacks • A Defense of Christian Soteriology in the Light of Islamic Attacks • Muslim Sects and Movements • Muslim Religious Practices 	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Geisler and Saleeb, “Answering Islam”, pp 263-302. <input type="checkbox"/> Read Richardson, “The Islamic Antichrist”, pp 103-149
6	06/13/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gospel of Barnabas • Muslim Accusations Against the New Testament • Islam and Violence • Black Islam 	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Geisler and Saleeb, “Answering Islam”, pp 303-335. <input type="checkbox"/> Read Richardson, “The Islamic Antichrist”, pp 151-192
7	06/20/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women in Islam • Counseling Christians from Muslim Backgrounds 	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Richardson, “The Islamic Antichrist”, pp 193-265

