

Muslim/Islamic—Seventh-day Adventist Understanding

Before we attempt to reach a Muslim for Christ, we must know and understand the Biblical story of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar and Ishmael. You may know the story from a Christian perspective, but do you know it from a perspective that can touch the heart of a modern member of the “children of the East”?

The first thing I would recommend is reading the book, *Islam, God's Forgotten Blessing*. This will give you the Biblical facts of the “children of the East,” which is Islam today. As you read this book, you need to be listening to Elder Robert Darnell's three part series called “Children of the East.” These can be purchased from us for \$10.00 per CD set post paid. Once you purchase them, we encourage you to reproduce them for whoever wants to know how to reach a Muslim with the third angel's message. As with all of our material, we believe it is truth and truth should be available to all who seek it. We also provide a Maroon Resource Book we have put together with most of the major sources to substantiate what we propose. The cost of this book is \$13.00 post paid.

Some advice on how to meet a “Nation of Islam” or Islamic believer.

One of the first things a Muslim will bring up about a Christian is his use of a corrupted Bible. When this is brought to you in the form of a challenge, there are two things needed to be asked of the Muslim brother or sister before you answer. Ask when was the Bible corrupted? They will say many times that it was corrupted from the very beginning and will tell you that the four Gospels do not all tell the same story. Do not argue that point with them. Just two months ago I had a Muslim tell me the Bible was corrupted by Constantine in the A.D 300's. If a Muslim says this to a SDA, we have an open door to show the power of the beast that thought to change times and laws in Daniel 7:25. Explain to them the great changes this power forced upon the church of God during these times.

My next question to a Muslim is given in light of what I show in my book. When the Muslim tells me of the Bible corruption, I will ask him if there are any mistakes or contradictions in the Qur'an. Any thinking Muslim must answer that there can be none. Now I want you to follow what I am going to say.

The Muslim believes God or Allah gave a direct revelation to Muhammad, and he had it written down just as Allah told him to without putting it into his own words. If you did not know, Muhammad could not read or write, so everything was told to someone else by Muhammad, and they wrote it down. I want to establish this position with the Muslim mind for the following reason. The Qur'an is very pro-active in looking back to the Bible or the Book for clarification. Muslims have told me that the Qur'an has no mistakes in it. I then ask them what is the meaning of Sura 10:94? *If thou wert in doubt as to what We have revealed unto thee then ask those who have been reading **the Book** from before thee: the Truth hath indeed come to thee from thy Lord: so be in no wise of those in doubt.* Whenever you read a verse in the Qur'an that has the word Book capitalized, it means the Bible. In the file titled “Muslim Tool Kit,” you will find many of the Qur'an verses that refer back to the Book or Bible.

As you show or recite Sura 10:94, you point out how could Muhammad be wrong if he was given a direct revelation from Allah? Here Allah is pointing people to the Book if they did not believe what was being given Muhammad by Allah. As you look over the Qur'an verses found in the “Muslim Tool Kit” you will see many verses that refer back to the Book. You will start to see that Allah made a difference between believers of the Book. The Qur'an verse that comes to mind is found in

Sura 3:113. *Not all of them are alike: of the **People of the book are a portion that stand (for the right)**; they rehearse the signs of Allah all night long and then prostrate themselves in adoration.* Another verse that says the same thing in a different way is Sura 2:101. *And when came to them an Apostle from Allah confirming what was with them a party of the **people of the Book** threw away the Book of Allah behind their backs as if (it had been something) they did not know!*

By now you may have quieted down the Muslim, but you have not won the war and you really have not won the battle. What you did was buy time for a discussion without them being in your face. This point is very important, and it must not ever be forgotten. You cannot proof-text a Muslim into an agreement with the Bible. All you can do is establish a base to come together for more learning. In my personal experience I found Muslims may know the Qur'an by reciting it, but they do not know what it says when taken verse by verse when they are asked questions. The main thing is to be patient and let the Holy Spirit open the door to the Muslim's heart.

Another point a Muslim may try to throw at you is this: To know the Qur'an you must speak and read Arabic. Research has shown only eighteen percent of all Muslims can speak or read the Qur'an in Arabic. Chances are the Muslim telling you this is not able to carry on a discussion in or read Arabic. They may even be able to recite it but cannot read it. We recommend the Qur'an called, *The Meaning of The Holy Qur'an*, by Abdullah Yusuf Ali. This Qur'an was translated between 1916 and 1918 when the western world was the deliverer of the Mid-East from the hated Ottoman Turks during World War I. The Qur'ans that have been translated after 1948 have a strong anti-western bias. From my observation of English speaking Muslims, the Yusuf Ali Qur'an is highly respected and used. This Qur'an can be purchased from many locations, or contact our ministry or go online and download it online with a site search engine.

When meeting a Muslim I will always try to direct the conversation and kindly mention that I do not eat pork, I do not drink alcohol and I do not bow down to idols in my faith. Now this next statement is hard for many SDA's to separate from: I tell them I am a Seventh-day Adventist. I tell them that I am not a Christian as their perception of Christian understanding goes. A Muslim believes what they see on world-wide television from Hollywood is what Christians are, and do not our political leaders say publicly that we are a Christian nation? I continue to tell the Muslim I even worship on the same day that Abraham and Ishmael did. Look at the Sabbath file in this CD on the Qur'an verses. If you have read my book, you will see how I used the Sabbath Qur'an verses to show what day Muhammad very possibly worshiped on.

The purpose of this work is to show that the Muslim world is open to Seventh-day Adventists; right now the door is open. But you and I must start to transform our methods of approaching a Muslim, because it is totally different than outreach to a North American Christian or a heathen-type person.

Many things are before us to understand in reaching Islam. I have put information in this CD to stimulate your thoughts on Islam and to give you a very elementary understanding. We must keep in mind that we are not going anywhere without first reaching the "children of the East" who God has not forgotten. Twenty-two percent of the world is Islam, why would God not try to reach them? Only SDA's have the message for the hour, and only you I can give it by God's grace. If we are God's remnant people, we still have a work to do.