

Christianity & Islam in the Middle-East: An Arab Christian Perspective

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Personal Testimony:

A Lifelong Journey with Islam

Christian-Muslim Polarisation

1. Historical Competition
2. Mutual Suspicion
3. Religious Ignorance/Misunderstanding/Prejudice
4. Conflicting Truth Claims
5. Islamic Extremism & 'War on Terror'
6. Christian minorities in Muslim-majority Countries
7. Muslim minorities in Western Countries
8. Christian Zionism
9. Cultural / Ethnic Divide

Common Challenges

1. Population Growth
2. Education
3. Unemployment
4. Housing
5. Health
6. Bad Governance
7. Corruption
8. Poverty

Possible Responses

1. Islamisation – Truth Must Reign
2. Secularisation – Freedom Comes First
3. Justice for All Coalition – Love in Action

A Landmark Islamic Initiative

A Common Word Between Us and You:

Say: O People of the Scripture! Come to a common word between us and you: that we shall worship none but God, and that we shall ascribe no partner unto Him, and that none of us shall take others for lords beside God. And if they turn away, then say: Bear witness that we are they who have surrendered (unto Him).

Aal `Imran 64

Our Five Common Commitments

- 1. We are committed to God – in a world where he is ignored and blasphemed.***
- 2. We are committed to our families – in a world scarred by family breakdown and immorality.***
- 3. We are committed to freedom of religion and genuine dialogue – in a world of persecution, polemics and inter-religious conflict.***
- 4. We are committed to our fellow human beings – in a world where so many are needy, vulnerable and oppressed.***
- 5. We are committed to the values of God's kingdom – in a world corrupted by evil and injustice.***