

Resources on Islam and Muslims in North America

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Introduction to Islam:

The Islamic Jesus: How the King of the Jews Became a Prophet of the Muslims. Mustafa Akyol (2017) **

A helpful introduction to Jesus in Islam for Christians.

Muhammad: A Biography of the Prophet. Karen Armstrong (1992).

Still one of the most readable introductions to the life of the Prophet Muhammad

Memories of Muhammad: Why the Prophet Matters. Omid Safi (2010). **

A Progressive American Muslim view of the Prophet

No god but God. Aslan, Reza (2011). **

Very readable history of Islam

The story of the Qur'an: its history and place in Muslim life. Ingrid Mattson (2013). **

A college level overview of the role of the Qur'an

North American Islam:

A History of Islam in America. Kambiz GhaneaBassiri (2010).

A short history of Islam in the United States

Islam and the Blackamerican: Looking toward the Third Resurrection. Sherman Jackson (2011).

One of the most important overviews of Islam in the African-American community

Mecca and Main Street: Muslim Life in America after 9/11. Geneive Abdo (2007)

Extremely well researched study of the variety of Muslim communities in the United States

Muslims and the Making of America. Amir Hussain (2017).

Excellent overview of the diversity of American Muslim cultures

Servants of Allah: African Muslims Enslaved in the Americas. Sylviane A. Diouf (2013).

A ground-breaking study on the stories of enslaved African Muslims brought to North America

Gender Issues:

American Muslim Women. Jamilliah Karim (2009). **

Ethnographic university style book that covers a variety of ethnicities and economic levels

Do Muslim Women Need Saving? Lila Abu-Lughod (2011). **

An excellent study of Arab women's perspectives

I Speak for Myself: American Women on Being Muslim. Maria M. Ebrahimi (2011).

Readable, with multiple perspectives of young American Muslim women

Extremism:

The Fear of Islam: An Introduction to Islamophobia in the West. Todd H. Green (2015).

One of the most important introductions to the topic

The Great Theft: Wrestling Islam from the Extremists. Khaled M. Abou el Fadl (2005).

Still one of the most readable and important views of extremists from within the Islamic faith

Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Sentiment, 2nd ed. Peter Gottschalk (2018).

Laid out in a graphic novel form

Who Speaks for Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think. John L. Esposito & Dalia Mogahed (2008). **

The results of an international Gallup poll of Muslim views on violence and international issues

Christian-Muslim Relations:

Allah: A Christian Response. Miroslav Volf (2011). **

Good for group discussions on the topic of “Do Christians and Muslims worship the same God?”

Oil and Water: Two Faiths: One God. Amir Hussain (2006).

Includes an overview of the basics of Islam, as well as points and issues for dialogue

Christian Century articles:

[“Yes, Christians Can Love Jesus and Their Muslim Neighbors Honorably” 1 June 2017;](#)

[“Who is Jesus for Muslims?” 23 May 2017](#)

Recent reflections in a popular Christian magazine.

Film Resources:

[“Discover Islam”](#) [six part DVD series] (2010) ([ELCA intro Study Guide](#))**

[“Fordson: Faith, Fasting and Football”](#) (2011)

[“The Jesus Fatwa”](#) (2015)

[“Little Mosque on the Prairie”](#) (2007-2012) **

“The Message” (25th anniversary edition, 2005)

“Malcolm X” (1992) **

[“The Mosque and Me”](#) (2005)

[“The Prince Among Slaves”](#) (2007)

[“Veiled Voices”](#) (2009) **

Search the web or Facebook for the Mosques or Islamic Centers near you!

Website Resources:

[Anglican Church: Network for Interfaith Concerns \(Christian-Muslim Digests\)](#)

[Building Bridges Seminar, Georgetown University](#)

[ELCA Consultative Panel on Lutheran-Muslim Relations](#)

[National Council of Churches, Interfaith Relations and the Church](#)

[Lutheran Social Services of MN – My Neighbor is Muslim](#)

[Presbyterian Principles for Interfaith Dialogue, Witness and Evangelism](#)

[United Church of Christ- Interfaith Relations](#)

[The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops General Resources on Islam](#)

Muslim Websites:

[AltMuslim](#)

[AltMuslimiah](#)

[The Community of Imam Warith Deen Muhammad](#)

[A Common Word Between Us and You](#)

Sociological Studies on Muslim Communities:

Pew Research Center

- [Mapping the Global Muslim Population \(2009\)](#)
- [Muslims in America \(2007/2011\)](#)
- [Muslims in America \(2017\)](#)

U.S. Mosque Survey 2011

- [Activities, Administration and Vitality of the American Mosque](#)
- [Basic Characteristics of the American Mosque](#)
- [Women and the American Mosque](#)

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