

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Directed Research Course
in conjunction with the
AGTS Spring Lectureship
January 20 – 23, 2004

MSSM/ PTHM 800 APPROACHES TO MUSLIMS **(3 Credits)**

Staff

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A survey of Christian approaches to Islamic people. The study will include the theological, contextual, Quranic, felt need, and narrative approaches.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course the student should be able to:

1. Understand that there are a number of effective approaches to Muslims and the strengths and weaknesses of each.
2. Identify the sociological, biblical, and experiential reasons why each approach can be effective in the evangelization of Muslims.
3. Approach a Muslim with a presentation of the gospel that will be culturally sensitive, scripturally accurate, flexible, and led by the Holy Spirit.
4. Create a specific approach for a particular group of Muslims of the student's interest.

TEXTBOOKS

Accad, Fouad Elias. *Building Bridges*. NavPress, 1997.

Bhai, Adbullah. *The Anointed One*. Springfield, MO: CMM, 1993.

Kateregga & Shenk. *Islam & Christianity*. Nairobi, Kenya: Uzima, 1980. Later published as:
A Muslim and Christian in Dialogue. Herald, 1999.

Kraft, Charles. *Communication Theory for Christian Witness*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis, 1991.

Musk, Bill. *The Unseen Face of Islam*. Eastbourne, U.K., MARC, 1989.

Parks, Paul. *The Power of Stories in Ministry*. Springfield, MO: Center for Ministry to Muslims, 1998.

Parshall, Phil. *The Last Great Frontier*. Quezon City, Philippines: Open Doors, 2000.

Pfander, C.G. *The Misan-ul-Haqq: Balance of Truth*. Light of Life: Villach, Austria, 1986.

Tarr, Del. *Double Image: Biblical Insights from African Parables*. New York: Paulist, 1994.

COURSE OUTLINE

These are the five approaches that we will deal with in this course:

- I. Narrative Approach
- II. Theological Approach
- III. Contextualized Approach
- IV. Quranic Approach
- V. Felt Need Approach

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. If you have not taken the course, Introduction to Islam, obtain the following book from CMM or the bookstore; read it as your first assignment and write a four page critique in which you share important insights that were new to you and openings in Islam that should be considered in approaching Muslims with the gospel.

Beverly, James. *Understanding Islam*. Nashville: Nelson, 2001.

2. Attend all four of the plenary sessions of the lectureship on January 20 -23 at AGTS. Also attend two other classroom sessions taught by the speaker or his wife during the four days. The schedule for these classes will be posted before the lectureship begins. Write a one to two page evaluation/response/synthesis on each of the sessions you attend.
3. Please read the introductory letter from the professor to understand the purpose and basic plan of the course readings.
4. Read a minimum of 1500 pages from the required textbooks and write a one to two page response paper for each (except for the professor's manual), in which you interact with the material, compare and contrast the different books with each other and interact with the thesis of the author.
5. Attend and participate in a two hour dialogue session led by the professor during the last week of February, at the seminary. The student should have most of the reading completed by this time.
6. Write a 15 to 20 page paper in which you lay out a plan to approach a specific Muslim people group based on the approaches studied in the class. The exact topic should be approved by the professor.
7. There will be no written final exam.

These papers should be forwarded to the professor for grading and postmarked no later than 15 weeks after receiving the syllabus. Please send final papers to:

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The professor can also be reached at his office for questions most days 8:30AM- 4:00PM, Central Time, at (417) - 866-3313

NOTE: Work received after the post-session due date specified in the syllabus will result in a change of grade fee (\$15.00) being charged, even when an extension has been granted by the instructor.

GRADING PROCEDURE

Lectureship Session reports	30%
Textbook Interaction papers	30%
Dialogue Session with professor	10%
Final Paper	30%

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Armstrong, David. Managing by Storying Around. New York: Doubleday, 1992

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Bushnaq, Inea. Arab Folktales. New York: Pantheon, 1986.

Ferne, Elizabeth. A Street in Marrakech. New York: Anchor Books, 1976.

Hauerwas, Stanley and L. Gregory Jones, eds. Why? Narrative. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989.

Hesselgrave, David and Edward Rommen. Contextualization Grand Rapids: Baker, 1989.

Hiebert, Paul. "Power Encounter and Folk Islam" In Muslims and Christians on the Emmaus Road. Monrovia, CA: MARC, 1989.

Inch, Morris A. Doing Theology Across Cultures. Grand Rapids: Baker Book, 1982.

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- Walker, Warren and Ahmet Uysal. Tales Alive in Turkey. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1966.
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SPECIFIC DATA

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