

Christianity and the Culture Lecture Series

Christianity and Islam

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Time: Friday March 31 - 7:30pm-9:30pm
Saturday April 1 – 9:00am-11:45am

Location: McLean Presbyterian Church (Sanctuary)
1020 Balls Hill Road
McLean, Virginia 22101-2021

Course Description

In the wake of heightened awareness concerning the global rise of Islam, many Christians have embarked on a search for answers to the questions they have regarding Islam and its influence. It is our hope that through this class, attendees will receive a sound, Biblical perspective concerning the issue of Islam and the resulting implications and challenges facing the Church, her mission, and our society.

Class Schedule

March 31

7:30pm	Welcome and Introduction of Series and Seminar Hugh Welchel, Executive Director, RTS Washington DC
7:40pm	Introduction of Barnabas Fund and Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo Stephen Kopalchick, US Director, Barnabas Fund
7:45pm	“The Challenge of Islam to the Church” Rev. Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo, International Director, Barnabas Fund
9:05pm	Questions and Discussion
9:25pm	Announcements and Closing Prayer Hugh Welchel
9:30pm	End

April 1

9:00am	Brief Introduction and Opening Prayer – Hugh Welchel
9:05am	Session I: “The Challenge of Islam to Christian Mission” Rev. Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo

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10:15am	Break
10:30am	Session II: "The Challenge of Islam to Society and Culture"
11:25am	Questions and Discussion
11:40am	Announcements and Closing Prayer – Hugh Whelchel
11:45am	End

Course Objectives

- To educate the Church and concerned others towards an understanding of Islam from a Christian perspective.
- To identify the challenges facing the Church and Christian mission with the rise and growth of Islam, and the current impact on Christian minorities
- To gain a clearer understanding of the theology behind the predominant Islamic movements of the 21st century.
- To identify and articulate appropriate strategies for the future of the Church and her engagement with Islam.

Textbooks – One of the two Sookhdeo and the Blankley book

1a) Sookhdeo, Patrick, *Islamic Terrorism*, Isaac Publishing, Wilshire, UK (2004)
ISBN: 0-9547835-0-6

Or

1b) Sookhdeo, Patrick, *Islam in Britain*, Isaac Publishing, Wilshire, UK (2004)
ISBN: 0-9547835-5-7

And

2) Blankley, Tom, *The West's Last Chance: Will We Win the Clash of Civilizations?* Regnery Publishing, Inc. (September 12, 2005) ISBN: 0895260158

Suggested reading not required for course:

- Sookhdeo, Patrick. "Islamization of Europe," article released via email by ISIC Publishing, August 11, 2005.
- Sookhdeo, Patrick. *A Christian' Pocketguide to Islam*. Christian Focus Publications (November 1, 2001). ISBN: 1857926994
- Sookhdeo, Patrick. *A People Betrayed: The Impact of Islamisation on the Christian Community in Pakistan*. Christian Focus Publications. September 1, 2002. ISBN: 1857927850.
- Sookhdeo, Rosemary. *Secrets of the Burqa*. ISIC Publishing, 2004.
- Sookhdeo, Rosemary. *Beneath the Veil*. ISIC Publishing, 2004.

Assignments (do not have to be completed before class or the week of class)

- 1) Each required book must be read.
- 2) A Two page review must be written and turned in for both books.
- 5) A paper is required. (see "Guidelines for the Paper").
- 6) Everything is due in the Washington DC offices no later than **Monday, May 1, 2006**. Assignments can be mailed or emailed.

Grades

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| 1) Paper | 70% |
| 2) Book Review | 20% |
| 3) Reading | 10% |

Guidelines for the Paper

The paper could revolve around a particular issue from the lectures. The paper should reflect a developed argument centered on a theme or an issue related to the subject matter covered in the lectures. The subject of your paper needs to be pre approved by Geoff Sackett.

The following are criteria that will be used to evaluate the paper:

- a) Cogency of argument - how well does the argument hang together, and how well are pertinent and fundamental points brought out?
- b) Discussions of the issues within the social, historical, and theological context.
- c) The use of sources: a variety of sources should be examined.
- e) The paper should be 5-8 pages, double-spaced with one inch margins on all sides, except the left margin should have a 1 1/4 inch margin.

**No plastic paper covers, just staple.
Do not leave extra space between paragraphs!**

f) Please number the pages.

h) ETS/JETS guidelines are to be followed for abbreviations of journals, which is similar to the JBL guidelines. The JBL guidelines are available in book form (the library has three copies) or you can access ETS/JETS by going to the RTS website, to research, to web resources, to writing and there you will find the ETS/JETS guidelines (<http://www.rts.edu/resources/library/resources.cfm>)

Sample first references for books, journal articles, and an article in a book:

a) Sample first references for books, journal articles, and an article in a book:

¹John N. Oswalt, *The Book of Isaiah: Chapters 1-39* (NICOT; Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1986) 25-28.

²Edward. Robertson, "The 'Urim and Tummim'; What Were They?" *VT* 14 (1964) 67-70.

³Meredith G. Kline, "The Covenant of the Seventieth Week," *The Law and the Prophets* (ed. John H. Skilton; Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1974) 452-55.

⁴P. J. S. Els, "אֶהָב ('hb)," *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis* (ed. Willem VanGemeren; 5 vols; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1997) I:277-99.

b) Second shortened footnote references:

⁵Oswalt, *Isaiah 1-39*, 29-30.

⁶Robertson, "Urim and Tummim," 70.

⁷Kline, "The Seventieth Week," 457.

⁸Els, "אֶהָב ('hb)," 1:288.