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Is a graduate of Concordia University and Oxford University. In Oxford, he studied Arabic and Islamic theology at the Centre for Islamic studies and was awarded the DPhil in the history of Christian-Muslim relations. He then served a brief tenure as the Albin Salton Fellow at Univ. of London and history professor at Concordia University-Bronxville, NY. In 2007 he was appointed as Guest Professor of Historical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He is a contributing scholar for *Modern Reformation* magazine, editor of the book *Theologia et Apologia*, and author of the book *Martin Luther and Islam*.



**Second Annual Apologetics Conference: to be held at:  
Henry Ford Centennial Library Auditorium  
16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI  
October 11th; 1-4pm**

This is the second such conference held each year in the fall to engage both the church and community in the worthwhile topic of Christian apologetics. The goal is to bring reputable speakers in to address various apologetic topics. It gets its impetus from the Biblical passage of 1 Peter 3:15 *“always being ready to make a defense (apologia) to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you.”*

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## ► Christians & The Challenge Of Islam: A Balanced View



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# Christians & the Challenge of Islam: A Balanced View



Islam has enjoyed significant growth in America over the past two decades. And just over the last few years it has received a tremendous amount of attention on various media. Yet, our knowledge and ability to fairly assess what challenges Islam might pose to Christianity and to the political

climate of our nation remain inadequate.

To address this, Dr. Adam S. Francisco of Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne, IN) will present a three-part lecture: **Christians & the Challenge of Islam: A Balanced View.**

## Schedule:

1-1:40pm Origins & History of Islam

1:40-2pm Discussion-Part One

2-2:40pm Islam Today

2:40-3pm Discussion-Part Two

3-3:40pm The Future of

Christian-Muslim Relations

3:40-4pm Discussion-Part Three

## A Basic Overview...

of the historical origins and growth of Islam will provide the starting point. Particular attention will be given to explaining the various misconceptions that pervade much discourse about the nature of Islam.

This will be followed by a survey and assessment of contemporary developments in Islam, from the rise of Islamic-inspired terrorism to the emergence of a liberal vision of Islam.

The lecture will then conclude by considering what challenges Christians should expect and be prepared to face in the future as Islam continues its slow, steady growth in America.

## Suggested Reading:

Mateen Ellass, *Understanding the Koran*

Michael R. Licona, *Paul Meets Muhammed: A Christian-Muslim Debate on the Resurrection*

Gene E. Veith, *Christianity in an Age of Terrorism*

David Cook, *Understanding Jihad*

Peter G. Riddell and Peter Cotterell, *Islam in Context: Past, Present, Future*

Walid Phares, *The War of Ideas: Jihadism against Democracy*

Norman Geisler and Abdul Saleeb, *Answering Islam: The Crescent in Light of the Cross*

