Theological Book Network Offers Remarkable Collections on Christian-Muslim Relations

A document entitled “Grace and Truth: Toward Christlike Relationships with Muslims” was issued recently by a group of believers living in the Islamic world. The authors of the document urge Christians to take “an accurate and discerning look at the Muslim world,” a world, they note, that is diverse in its theology and identity. As an important contribution toward that worthy end, the Theological Book Network is making available key resources on the history, theology, legal, cultural and political aspects of Islam, as well as on Christian-Muslim relations.

Many of the key titles in this collection come from Brill Academic Publishers. Long recognized as the leading publisher in Islamic studies, Brill's reference materials in this subject matter are unsurpassed. Brill recently offered the Network an opportunity to purchase virtually all of its major reference sets and numerous key monographs from its list at or near production cost. The Network has supplemented this offer with a range of books from other publishers and assembled three different collections of books to meet the range of needs for a limited number of Christian colleges and seminaries. The library has been assembled on the conviction that Christians would do well to understand their Muslim neighbors as a first step in authentic witness.

Theological Book Network’s goal is to provide schools across sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and the Middle East with sufficient materials to sustain a range of academic activities, from basic classes on Christian-Muslim relations to sustained, in-depth study of Islam. With the generous support of donors and publishing houses, the Network is able to provide these materials at a significant discount.

Please review information on the three collections available from the Theological Book Network, as detailed on the following pages.

To order any collection of books, or to learn more about the Theological Book Network and how you can help, please contact us at:

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Advanced Library

The Advanced Library has in excess of 325 volumes, including more than a dozen major reference works and bibliographic tools that will provide a solid foundation for any program on Islamic studies. In addition, these titles will be supplemented with regionally appropriate volumes on the history of missions, as well as key related regional themes. It includes many titles representative of the volumes in the Introductory and Intermediate libraries. Some of the additional reference sets and monographs included are representative of these titles:

- A Greek and Arabic Lexicon 6 volumes
- Set of Yearbooks of the Index Islamicus, 1906-2003, volumes 1-20
- A Comparative Lexical Study of Quranic Arabic
- An Islamic Response to Greek Astronomy
- Arabic Grammar and Quranic Exegesis in Early Islam
- Arabic Grammar in Its Formative Age
- Arabic Literature in Africa, 2 volumes
- Concise Biographical Companion to Index Islamicus, volumes 1 & 3
- Hebrew in Its Semitic Setting, A Comparative Survey, 4 volumes
- Islamic Law and Finance
- Christian Identity in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- Mysticism and Politics
- Religion and Politics under the Early Abbasids
- Religion and Social Conflict in South Asia
- Studies in Islamic History and Civilization in Honour of Professor David Ayalon
- The Feats of the Knowers of God
- The Jews of Medieval Islam
- The Nusayri-Alawi • The Supreme Muslim Council
- The Sources for Early Babi Doctrine and History
- The World of Ibn Tuzfayl
- Yearbook of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law, Volumes 1-9
- And many more
The Introductory Library includes several basic reference works, a handful of key volumes that address core themes in Islam, and a number of books that examine Christian-Muslim relations, both past and present. In all, this collection includes more than 50 volumes. The titles below reflect a representative sample:

- Islamic Desk Reference, Brill Publishers
- Encyclopedia of Islam, E.J. Brill’s First (6 volumes)
- Brill’s Shorter Encyclopedia of Islam
- Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History
- Travellers in Faith
- The Twelve Shia in Modern Times
- Nature, Man and God in Medieval Islam
- Islam in Context
- Understanding Muslim Teachings and Traditions
- Bridges to Islam: A Christian Perspective on Folk Islam
- Key Words in Islam
- Islam and the Political Order
- Islamic and Christian Cultures: Conflict or Dialogue?
- Jesus in the Quran
- The Call of the Minaret
- Muhammad and the Christian: A Question of Response
- A Muslim View of Christianity: Essays on Dialogue
- Muslim-Christian Relations: Past, Present and Future
- David Singh, “Rethinking Jesus and the Cross in Islam,” Mission Studies
- Karel Steenbrink, “Reading the Bible Together with Muslims: David as Sinner King and Repentant Prophet,” Exchange
- And many more

The Intermediate Library will contain between 170 and 200 volumes. This collection includes virtually all of the titles listed in the Introductory Library, plus a number of other reference tools and monographs. The titles below reflect a representative sample:

- A Muslim Theologian in the Sectarian Milieu
- An Historical Atlas of Islam
- An Islamic Heresiography
- Before and After Avicenna
- Christianity under Islam in Jerusalem
- Christians at the Heart of Islamic Rule
- Encyclopedia of Islam, 10 volumes
- Encyclopedia of the Qur’an, 5 volumes
- Islamic Mysticism Contested
- Judaism and Islam: Boundaries, Communication and Interaction
- Modern Trends in Islamic Theological Discourse in 20th Century Indonesia
- Pan Islam in British India Politics
- Gasida Poetry in Islamic Asia and Africa
- Studies in Islamic Legal Theory
- The Construction of Knowledge in Islamic Civilization
- The Development of Early Sunnite Hadith Criticism
- The Formation of the Classical Tafsir Tradition
- The Making of the Avicennan Tradition
- The Transmission of Learning in Islamic Africa
- Islam in South-East Asia
- The Twelve Shia in Modern Times
- And many more

Collections with a Regional Focus

There will be some variation in the content of Intermediate and Advanced libraries, based on the location of the recipient institution. The lists provided illustrate the regional variation in materials.

ASIA
- Religion and Social Conflict in South Asia
- Islam in the Indian Subcontinent
- Islam in Bangladesh
- Islam and State in Sumatra
- Islam in South-East Asia
- Modern Trends in Islamic Theological Discourse in 20th Century Indonesia
- The World of Muslim Women in Colonial Bengal, 1876-1939
- Pan-Islam in British Indian Politics

AFRICA
- Conceptualizing/Re-conceptualizing Africa
- Dreaming, Religion and Society in Africa
- The Bible in Africa
- A South African Perspective on the New Testament
- Afro-Christian Religions
- Afro-Christianity at the Grassroots
- Islam in Nineteenth-Century Wallo, Ethiopia
- The Transmission of Learning in Islamic Africa

FRANCOPHONE AFRICA
- Encyclopédie de l’Islam, 12 Volumes
- Atlas Historique de l’Islam
- Le Livre des Haltes (Kitâb al-Mawāqif) 3 volumes
- Le mihâb dans l’architectural et la religion Musulmanes
- Les voix de la transmission du Kitâb de Sibawayhi
- Makhzûmiyyât
- Mystiques, État et Société
- Œuvres philosophiques et scientifiques d’al-Kindî
- Les mandats français et anglais dans une perspective comparative