

A Unification Church Missionary to the Moslem World

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The most wonderful opportunity has opened at the Cultural Association where I'm teaching English. I've been put in charge of religious activities. This is their program for acquainting Turks with various world religions, especially Christianity. So many have told me that all their lives they had the wrong impression of Christianity -- they say they don't realize it was as exciting as my lectures. I'm very excited about this.

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The only difference between the beliefs of Islam and Christianity I've not been able to resolve is the Moslem belief that Jesus didn't die on the cross, but that he was raised bodily and another man took his place on the cross. Thus, Jesus must return at the Second Coming (last days) and die after uniting the world. Islam says that this was a direct revelation to Mohammed and that the Christian Bible has been changed with time. The society here is actually very restrictive concerning religious freedom. It's O.K. for Christians to exist, but not to meet openly (such as large public gatherings or attempts to convert Moslems).

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Islam can never bring peace to the Middle East because Islam contains strong beliefs on vengeance before forgiveness.

I am going to become as Arabic as I can, in dress, in food, in actions, and in thought. I love this country

and feel like anywhere I am or go it is like the inside of my house. Imagine, when the cannon shoots at sundown announcing the end of that day's fast, everyone the storekeepers, beggars, strollers, police, etc., is either smoking or eating -- it's like one honest-to-goodness family.

It is impossible to truly understand the situation in the Middle East until you experience it. The combination of poverty, heat, and the Koran presents something akin to the Great Wall of China.

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We are teaching the Principle Moslem-style. That means gentle on Christianity but strong on a unifying figure for this age.

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The medical doctor has totally accepted Principle. He is really a special person, so deeply prepared by Heavenly Father for many years. Spirit world is working here in the most amazing of ways. Every person we are seriously working with has a common phenomenon -- after hearing even the first chapter they can't sleep all night long. I'm not kidding every one!

From the time the doctor met me in July he has had both prophetic dreams and sleepless nights. He had one dream shortly after he met us where he found himself in the middle of a very large group of people, and the three of us, him and the others were so bound in heart that we could understand each other. It was only after he later heard Principle that he could understand this "strange" dream.

Later, he went through certain struggles because there are certain areas that seem to contradict the Koran, so I gave him a copy of Divine Principle and told him to read it and ask Heavenly Father about it. He was reluctant, but that night he had a dream where in a totally black room was a stand upon which was a copy of Divine Principle that was glowing with golden light. A voice from Heaven said, "Read it, Ahamid, please, you must read it." Needless to say, the next day he read it from cover to cover, and came back saying he knew it was true.

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For Moslems to listen, then to agree, and then to change their lives is a monumental task. You just can't imagine the Moslem society, with its corruption and false values. Even the Christians here -- the few there are -- are influenced by Islam and don't have a clear or strong idea of Christian love. Therefore, for my friend, the idea of a personal or loving God is difficult to accept.