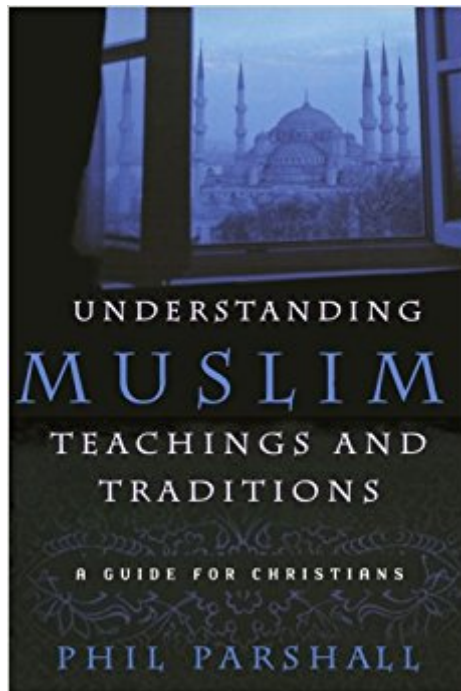


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Understanding Muslim Teachings And Traditions: A Guide For Christians



Synopsis

The sense of urgency to spread the gospel to Muslims has never been greater. Many Christians are turning new attention to the teachings of the Quran-yet few know even the basics of the Hadith, collections of Muslim teachings and traditions with deep influence on Muslim attitudes and actions. Phil Parshall's careful analysis of the Hadith is made authentic by his decades of ministry among Muslims. He explains the Hadith's teachings of Muhammad on such issues as salvation, prayer, jihad and violence, women, and Jesus. Here are essential insights for all those seeking an in-depth understanding of the Muslim faith and community.

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Introduction • There is no deity except Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet • (224). Such is the holy creed of millions adherents of the second largest religion in the world. In *Understanding Muslim Teachings and Traditions: A Guide for Christians*, Phil Parshall offers a systemic and worthwhile book that enables Christians to understand Islamic teachings and traditions. With a sincere desire for Muslims to embrace the Gospel of Christ, he carefully unearths the Hadith scriptures to equip Christians in their evangelism with Muslims. Phil Parshall has proven his stripes by going where few missionaries have dared to go before. He has served the Lord for over forty years in the Middle East as a missionary, earned several graduate degrees from prominent seminaries, and has written many books on Islam. Summary In chapters one through four, Phil Parshall plunges his Christian reader into the Islamic world by laying down the essentials for Islam. He begins by commenting on the inspiration, compilation, and application of the Quran. Believed by Muslims to be eternal, uncreated, and supreme over all religious texts, the Quran was communicated through the Prophet

Muhammad by the Angel Gabriel in 632 AD (18). Within Islam, we learn that salvation can be only be found by the mercy of Allah (38). Continuing on, the author goes into the person of Muhammad and the miracles the Hadith claims he performed. In chapters five through eight, Parshall explains prayer, fasting, pilgrimage, and almsgiving. Prayer is regarded as a sacrament of union between Allah and his creation • to be observed reverently five times each day (62). Fasting is also mandated as a means to worship Allah.

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