

Two courses on Islam for 2012

Bernie Power from Melbourne School of Theology will teach both of these courses.

1. Answering Islam

Do you have Muslim friends, neighbours or colleagues? Do they ever ask you **questions about Christianity that you cannot answer**? Do you ever wonder about Islam:

- Is Islam a peaceful religion?
- Should the burka be banned?
- Is Islam really a threat to Australia?
- Why can't Muslims and Christians just be friends?

This course will address these issues and more.

We will look at the **big questions that Muslims raise about our Christian faith.**

- Does the Trinity make sense?
- Why do we say that Jesus is the Son of God?
- Has the Bible been changed?
- What about the Crusades?
- What about the wars in the Old Testament?
- If the West is Christian, why is it so immoral?

But we will ask some **even bigger questions about Islam.**

- Do we worship the same God?
- How reliable is the Qur'an?
- Is Muhammad really prophesied in the Bible?
- Is he really the best model for humanity?

Course details:

Time: Wednesday nights 7.15 to 9.30 pm

Dates: from Feb 15th to May 30th (15 weeks of class) **Location:** Swanston St, near Melbourne Central railway station

Cost: \$300. If you want to do this as part of a theology course, contact MST for cost schedule

Registration: You must register for this course with Kathryn Simon KSimon@MST.edu.au or phone (03) 9881 7800

2. Learning Arabic through the Qur'an (Part 1)

This course assumes no prior knowledge of Arabic. You will learn to read the Qur'an in classical Arabic. It is hard work – you will need to learn 20 -30 Arabic words each week. But it is a fun and interesting course. If you are considering long term ministry among Muslims, this course is a must

Course details:

Time: Thursday mornings 11 am to 1 pm, then 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

Dates: from Feb 16th to Jun 21st (20 weeks of class)

Location: Melbourne School of Theology, Wantirna

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