

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this seminar, the attendee will be able to:

- Define the terms “apologetics” and “polemics,” understand the biblical warrant for their use, and give biblical examples of both being used in an evangelistic setting
- Articulate the five pillars of Islam and describe their significance to a Muslim
- Describe the six major foundational beliefs of Islamic theology and demonstrate how each influences the worldview of a Muslim
- Give the foundations for jihad ideology from Islamic scripture and traditions, outline how jihad has been used by Muslims throughout history, and assess whether radical Muslims today have theological justification for their actions.
- Understand and critique the life and historicity of Muhammad as told by Islamic apologists and as found in Islamic source material.
- Describe the criteria Muslims use to identify Muhammad as a prophet and provide a polemic for each criterion
- Provide a defense against the Islamic claim that Muhammad was a prophet of God by applying the biblical criteria for a prophet to Muhammad
- Present a solid understanding of the early formation of the Qur’an, key dates and events that played a significant role in its compilation, and give a critique of the compilation and codification of the Qur’an as a text that has been accurately preserved.
- Critique the Qur’an in terms of its literary structure and value, historical accuracy, archeological accuracy, scientific accuracy, fulfilled prophecy, internal contradictions, and plagiarism.
- Defend common arguments used by Muslim apologists against Christianity and respond with similar polemics against Islam.
- Engage in a conversation with a Muslim, which can lead to the gospel by using parallel stories in the Bible and Qur’an as bridges to dialog.

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Apologetics as Applied to Islam



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Why Islam ?

Islam represents one of the greatest challenges to the church today. Indeed, Muslims are the largest people group yet to be reached with effective methods of Christian evangelism. Most Muslims are honest seekers, searching for the truth regarding who God is and what He requires of us, and believe they have found the answer in Islam.

Islam argues against the most essential tenets of the Christian faith: the nature of God, the problem of sin and the redemption through Jesus' sacrificial blood atonement, the deity of Christ, the triune nature of the Godhead, and the Bible as the authoritative word of God. The truth claims of Islam must be challenged and exposed – “casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God” – and the truth claims of Christianity must be presented intelligently and with boldness and confidence, giving Muslims an answer for the hope that we possess.

About the Instructor

Joe Carey has been studying Islam since 1999. He holds a Master's Degree in Christian Apologetics from Biola University and had a special focus on Islamic studies while at Biola. Joe is an ordained minister and has been teaching classes on Apologetics to Islam and Muslim evangelism at his home church since 2005 and teaches a full semester class at a local Bible college as well. The Lord called him into full-time Muslim ministry in January 2007. Since then he has been involved in various aspects of Muslim ministry: leading teams on various outreach events to Muslims in the U.S., as a key member of another ministry that focused on training international missionaries to Muslims in Brazil and Nigeria, and now we seek to equip the body of Christ in the U.S. to engage in dialog with Muslims on issues of eternal importance.

How to Equip Your Body



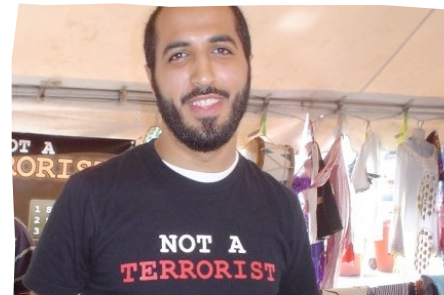
- Courses offered
- Basic 10 hours usually Friday night and all day Saturday
- Extended 20 hours (So CA only) weekly for 10 weeks, evening or weekend



Fees

All services are offered free as funds are available. Providing for material and travel fees will ensure our ability to provide our services, but are not required.

As a faith supported missionary, love offerings or donations are gladly accepted.



Sample Schedule Basic Course

Day 1: 6:00pm-9:30pm

1. Islam: What Is It?
2. Overview of Qur'an
3. Overview of other Islamic sources
4. Jihad survey

Day 2:

9:00am-12:00pm

1. Life of Muhammad
2. Survey of Qur'an

2:00pm-6:00pm

1. Common Muslim Objections
2. Sharing the gospel with Muslims