

A devout Muslim encounters Christianity
By Nabeel Qureshi

The book, an autobiography of sorts by Nabeel Qureshi, describing his journey from Islam to Christianity.

It gives non-Muslim readers an inside perspective into a Muslim's heart and mind.
It portrays the inner struggle of Muslims grappling with the gospel.
It's value can be both apologetic and practical.

Nabeel records many dialogs between himself and his Christian friend David.
Both were colleagues at *Old Dominion University*,
Nabeel studying medicine, David studying....

In a dialogue format they tackle various apologetic topics:
Textual criticism, p.127-133
Lost gospels, pm 136ff
The swoon theory, 147ff
Debate over the resurrection (with a muslim scholar) ch 27
The trinity p 190ff
The truth about Muhammad p. 208-224
The Quran P 228-242
The cost of embracing the cross for a Muslim Ch 45

This book was helpful in following the thought process of a Muslim who had to wrestle not just with the arguments of the Bible, but with the fallacies and inaccuracies of his own religious beliefs about Islam. It further unfolds the more extreme challenge of leaving Islam and risking his relationship with family.

This book was very practical in that it is very readable for a teenager. I read it with my son Wyatt, a 15 year old, and he loved it. It generated good discussions of how to approach people as people, to not be harsh and judgmental. Learning to ask questions in order to know people's story, their heart, being sympathetic with the sacrifices they would have to make to embrace Christ. It helped him to see how people's convictions are sometimes based on respect for the authority of their ancestors and teachers rather than based on an actual examination of a text, critically looking at facts, and willingness to abandon what isn't proven reliable.

I recommend this book. So many of our young people will be entering fields, especially IT and other technology fields where they will work side by side (or over the internet) with Muslims. They also may have jobs that take them overseas to Muslim countries. As did Dan Koen and Sean Reish (who originally recommended this book to me).

It is an easy read with good references to other materials as well that can be useful in discussions with Muslims about the truth of Christianity.