

New book published in January 2013...

Christian Lives Given to the Study of Islam

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This book captures the autobiographical reflections of twenty-eight Christian men and women who, in the wake of the Second Vatican Council and movements within the World Council of Churches, committed their lives to the study of Islam and to practical Christian–Muslim relations in new and irenic ways. Their contributions come from across the spectrum of the Western church and record what drew them into the study of Islam, how their careers developed, what sustained them in this work and salient milestones along the way. Their accounts take us to twenty-five countries and into all the branches of Islamic studies: Qur’an, Hadith, Shari’a, Sufism, philology, theology, and philosophy. They give fascinating insights into personal encounters with Islam and Muslims, speak of the ways in which their Christian traditions of spiritual training formed and nourished them, and deal with some of the misunderstandings and opposition they have faced along the way. In an analytical conclusion, the editors draw out themes and pointers towards future developments.

This is the considered contribution of a unique generation to the state of Christian-Muslim engagement today.

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“Unlike any other volume in the field of Christian-Muslim Relations, this book gathers the accumulated wisdom of three generations of Christian scholars of Islam of how their research, teaching, ministry, friendship with Muslims, and experiences in dialogue and relations have deeply affected their lives and greatly influenced their work. Such a collection of fascinating personal narratives, especially by the many who have inspired others to Christian-Muslim relations and Islamic studies, allows glimpses and not a few insights into the learning and the experience behind some of the best work by these contributors.”

—**John Borelli**, Georgetown University