

Hi Missionaries,

I just received an inquiry on how to respond to someone from a Muslim country. I know that some of you are quite good at responding to Muslim contacts, but some of us do need a little help.

Are there any standard replies to Muslim contacts? I don't know of any, but I do have a lady in my regular community who has spent her life working around Muslim people. I've asked permission to share her comments.

She says

Most of the mail that I'm getting is from Pakistan. I don't send the standard reply to them, because I don't think they have any idea what the Gospel is all about. They click on YES, I prayed to receive Christ as my Savior, or YES, I re-dedicated my life to the Lord, but I don't assume they understand anything. That's why I send them to <http://www.ethnicarvest.org/bibles/> to look for a Bible in their language. One of the first things I learned when I started teaching second grade many years ago was to assume NOTHING. The children had to show me what they knew and we started from that point. This may be my only chance to contact these people and I want to make sure they can find a copy of the Bible in their own language. If they're really interested, they'll check it out. Most never respond showing any interest in spiritual things.

----Here's a copy of one of her standard replies.....

Hi -----,

My name is Myrtle. I am a retired school teacher and I live in Florida. I'm so glad you've written.

What language do you speak? Have you read the Injeel (the Bible) in your language? Go to this web site: <http://www.ethnicarvest.org/bibles/>. Go to Quick Picks and find your language. From the New Testament in the Injeel read the book of Luke. It tells the story of Prophet Jesus and His love for you. Write and tell me what you think.

God bless you, ----

.....and she wrote to a man who questioned the trinity.

I'm so glad to hear your questions about Jesus. I think you are really searching for the truth and I will try to answer your questions.

I understand taw hid, the oneness of God. Muslims believe that God is one. I am a Christian, and I believe that God is one. How can that be when I believe that Jesus is God? That's because Muslim and Christian understanding of God is different.

Christians believe in the Trinity. Muslims think the Trinity is God the Father + God the Son + God the Holy Spirit = 3 gods. Christians believe in God the Father x God the Son x God the Holy Spirit = 1 God. $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$ or $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$

God loves you _____so much that He became a man. He was born as a baby, lived and suffered as everyone else. He fed the hungry, healed the sick and taught the people about the Kingdom of God. The religious leaders didn't like what He had to say so they killed Him. Jesus, the only one without sin, was killed for our sin. He died on the cross, taking our sins to the grave, but He didn't stay dead. He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven where He is preparing a place for us. Christians believe that Jesus was both God and man and only a perfect man could destroy the power of sin.

I challenge you to read the Injeel. The following is a web site where you can find a Bible in your language. www.MultilanguageMedia.com

Here are a couple of web sites that do an excellent job of describing Christianity.

- www.JesusFactOrFiction.com is a series of excellent multi-media presentations from notable sources exploring the life and claims of Jesus.

- www.WholesJesus-Really.com is translated in multiple languages and explains the life of Jesus, the miracles he performed, what others said about Him, how He has influenced the world and what all this means to you.

- Another great resource for you in finding answers to many puzzling spiritual questions is found at www.gotquestions.org/search.html

She wrote defining Allah and God....

Allah is the Arabic word and God is the English word for the Supreme Being. Other languages have different words. Many Arab Christians use the word Allah, but Muslims and Christians have a different understanding of who God is. Muslims and Christians believe that God/Allah is the creator of the universe. They believe He is just, righteous, forgiving and compassionate. However, Christians believe that God loves us so much that He became a man and lived among us. He lived a perfect life, taught the people about God, performed many miracles, helped many people and eventually was killed by the religious leaders. He destroyed the power of death, rose from the grave and ascended into heaven.