



# The Christian Responsibility to Muslims

## *A Ronning Centre Lecture Series* by David J. Goa

### Lecture 1 Turning Persons into Symbols

### Lecture 2 Landscape of Christian – Muslim Conversation

*Lectures 1 and 2 are available at our audio site: [www.crcaudio.ca](http://www.crcaudio.ca)*

Lecture 3  
**Conversations Ancient and Modern**  
Eastern Christianity and Islam share one landscape and have lived side by side since the seventh century and continue to do so today. The conversation between them in a shared landscape has been very different from the rhetoric of Western Christianity and Europe, shaped, in large part, by the crusades. What may we learn from the conversations Muhammad (ca.570-632) had with Christians; St John of Damascus (c.655-c.750), a key figure in the court of the Caliph, had with Muslims; St Gregory Palamas had with various Muslim theologians; and the Caliph had following the conquest of Constantinople in 1453? May we learn anything from these conversations that can help us in the twenty-first century?

Lecture 4  
**Thinking About the Prophet Muhammad**  
Muslims treasure the memory of the Prophet Muhammad as they do that of all the prophets. In my conversations with Muslims over the last several years I realize many of them have been deeply troubled by the images of Muhammad as well as the image of Jesus Christ that circulate in the modern West. They also ask why it is Christians have such awful images of Muhammad when they have such revered images of Jesus Christ. In our reflection together I will offer a new way for Christians to think about Muhammad, a way that is deeply Christian and free of the tragic historical legacy of such images.

Tuesday, 24 January, 7:00 p.m.  
Advent Lutheran Church  
11 Scenic Acres Gate, Calgary  
Wednesday, 25 January, 7:00 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
10014 – 81 Avenue, Edmonton  
Thursday, 26 January, 7:00 p.m.  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
4810 – 50 Street, Camrose

Wednesday, 8 February, 7:00 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
10014 – 81 Avenue, Edmonton  
Thursday, 9 February, 7:00 p.m.  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
4810 – 50 Street, Camrose  
Tuesday, 28 February, 7:00 p.m.  
Advent Lutheran Church  
11 Scenic Acres Gate, Calgary

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