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Over the course of the past few decades of my life, I have mentally developed a select list of speakers who I particularly appreciate and enjoy. One of these favored men is George Grant. This past summer, my wife and I had the pleasure of listening to a series of talks that Grant made during the summer of 2003 in Nashville in support of Servant Group International, a Christian organization which has substantially helped to start three classical Christian schools among the Muslim Kurds in Northern Iraq.

Grant covers a series of topics in these talks. The first is directed at understanding Islam. Where did it come from? How does it work? What are its doctrines (which surprisingly are almost none existent)? He covers the history of this Semitic people from Ishmael to Mohammad, the founder of Islam. He goes into detail to explain historically why Islam is not a monolithic religion, but has various branches within it that each claim to be the true disciples of "The Prophet," and which are each at enmity with one another.

He also addresses militant Islam, such as we see today, and its roots in the post World War I cartography that resulted from the Treaty of Versailles. He talks about the explosive growth of Islam and notes that there has never been an instance in the history of the world where a country has openly and willingly

embraced Islam. Rather, it has always happened as a result of coercion, threat and intimidation, fear and force.

Grant discusses the Islamic "worldview" in one of his talks. He notes that Islam has a very strong commitment to world dominion, but that its adherents also have a long range view of history and are willing to wait to achieve their goal, even for millennia, if need be.

In all of his talks, one key aspect stands out—Muslims need Christ. Without the gospel, Muslims are without God and without hope in the world. They need to know true Christianity, and they need to see it in action. Christians need to know about Islam so they can capably present the hope that exists only in Jesus Christ. Christians need to be aware of world situations so that they might capitalize on circumstances which would enable them to best display the love of Christ for these people trapped in the web of fear and force that powers Islam.

George Grant is stimulating and engaging. He is an apt student of the Middle East and of Islam. You will find this series

Breakfast Lecture Series:

Selected Topics on Islam

by George Grant

*Servant Group International, Nashville,
Tennessee, 2003, 12 CD set*

of talks both informative and motivating in your Christian walk. As the contemporary Muslim world continues to press hard against Western Christian culture, such as it is, it is imperative that Christians rightly understand the issues and how to respond properly, to the glory of God.