Select Resource List for Discipling x-Ms in Christ (February 2024)

Introduction:
      The purpose of this list is to give the reader/or the viewer an introduction to the great opportunity and challenge of discipling x-Muslims, both men and women, now in Christ, worldwide. Their contexts vary from, for example, the Gambia, North Africa, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and beyond, and so this compilation cannot and will not attempt to apply "one-size-fits-all solutions" for these situations.

      The resources listed below do not suggest that the compiler has read all of them and analyzed them theologically. Yet, they represent wisdom from the global church. This author has not attempted to represent any particular theological persuasion, and some readers might object to some resources. It is up to the reader to decide if any wisdom can be gleaned from their studies and whether to read them or not.

      This list is a work in progress, as the best practices throughout the globe are being executed by faithful followers of Christ. Any additional material from solidly theological sources will be added. On the subject of solidly theological sources, a keen-eyed reader will notice that as much as possible, methods derived from the Insider Movement Paradigm have not been included, but it is possible that some authors below have embraced some of its practices. As well, sources that report on wildly "miraculous" and massive movements among Muslims have largely been avoided. Many of these studies have been examined and found wanting. Again, some of the sources below may lean to those directions.

      As one examines the sources, it is possible to note that reference is made to "the Muslim convert." Later works avoid this phrase, as it ambiguously could suggest a person who has converted to Islam and is now a Muslim, or alternatively, a former Muslim who has turned to Christ. This does not render these works worthless, however.
Another unfortunate phrase is found in one work entitled, "what helps Muslim women grow in Christ?" This raises issues as to whether this is a Christian or Islamic program, and whether the author does not see conversion as coming out of Islam, but rather remaining inside of it as per the Insider Movement Paradigm.

      This collection does not pretend to be a substitute for a solidly theological ecclesiology based on the collective wisdom of the church historical and global. In reality, the theological question of "what is a church?" needs to be answered before the very large area of discipleship and one's new identity in Christ within the context of a church. Thereafter, the specific area of discipling xMs-in-Christ needs to be investigated. As well, it touches on articles which respond to questions such as "when shall I tell my Muslim family that I am now a Christian?" and "when is it right to be baptized as a Christian?" but serves more as an introduction than a final word.

      If a person were to choose only four authors from the list below, I would recommend Duane Miller, Mark Durie, Don Little and the late Samuel Schlorff. Miller has wide experience from the Middle East and now is working with ex-Muslims in the context of growing churches in Spain; Durie formally studied the Acehenese in Indonesia, is widely published and has learned extensively from discipling ex-Muslim Iranians in Australia, while Little and Schlorff worked and ministered in North Africa. Miller, Durie and Schlorff, especially are/were "churchmen" who have solid ecclesiologies and sound discipleship aspirations. The material from Horizons International/Biblical Missiology is

very solid and a new initiative entitled 'Wasla' or 'connections' has just been launched on You Tube by a convert in Christ from Islam for mutual encouragement. [see link below]

[where a link is given, the material was available on-line at the time of writing. This author also has permission to make the St. Francis Magazine material available, and this can be furnished on request.]

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