

POSITION OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS TOWARDS ISLAM

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[An Excerpt:]

Richard Nolan, an Episcopal Priest, and distinguished Professor of Philosophy, authored an article entitled, “A Concise Introduction to Islam”². The article was non-polemical and seemed to be, in the view of the researcher, an honest attempt to elucidate the facts on Islam. He described Islam as being, for Muslims, the fulfillment of what Judaism and Christianity anticipated, and mentioned that Islam is the authentic religion of Abraham and Adam, predating Christianity. Interestingly, he noted that, in the sense of scriptural literalism, all Muslims are fundamentalists, and that “extremist” or “militant” is a more appropriate term for those exhibiting what Nolan termed, “aggressive behaviour”.

Nolan’s article is arguably the most prolific account of Islam found in the Liberal Protestant media since September 11, and it demonstrates a fairness and accuracy in describing Islamic belief that has not been visible in the work of other denominations.

² A Concise Introduction to Islam, Richard Nolan, Episcopal News Service, 20/9/2001

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