



SESSION 2: THE PROBLEM WITH ANGELS

GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of this session is that participants realize that Islam, Christianity and Judaism share the same core of beliefs about the human condition and about humanity's relationship with God. To achieve this goal, the session will focus on the following objectives:

1. Learn Islamic and Judeo-Christian views of relationship between God and Humanity.
2. Learn how the Qur'an can shed light into the Judeo-Christian scripture, and vice-versa.
3. Gain insight into the complexity and power of language in expressing God's Word.

ACTIVITIES

Discussion

- ❖ Review and discuss the NOS chapter, "Higher Than Angels."
 - What new knowledge did you gain? What gave you a problem?
 - What questions do you have? (Write these on the flip chart.)
 - Review the story of the fall of Lucifer. (Write the highlights on the flipchart.)
 - How do we know the story of Lucifer? Where did the story come from?
- ❖ Review and discuss the scriptural readings from the Qur'an and the Bible.
 - Ask participants to summarize each reading. Come to consensus about the key points.
 - What's familiar in the Qur'an reading? What is different?
 - What do the Qur'an and the Bible tell us about God's relationship to humanity?
 - Why did God choose flawed humanity instead of perfect angels?
 - How does God's choice help us understand why we suffer, though God loves us?
- ❖ If time allows, preview NOS Ch. 2, "Raising Cain," pp.38-44.
 - What's in a name in Scripture?

Materials

- ❖ Handout of Genesis Reading
- ❖ Handout for Qur'an Reading

READINGS AND ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT SESSION



Noah's Other Son

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1. NOS: Ch. 3, "Noah's Other Son," p.45-54
 - a. Optional: NOS Chapt. 2, "Raising Cain," pp.38-44
2. Qur'an: Surah 11:25-49
3. Bible: Genesis 6:5 to 9:17