

A Christian Response to Islam in America

John Esposito, arguably the most influential non-Muslim American scholar on Islam, at times sounds prophetic. *The Islamic Threat: Myth or Reality?* (1992) suggests Islam is a threat to the West--particularly America. A decade later, in *Unholy War: Terror in the*

WHY AMERICANS CONVERT

“Should Christians Convert Muslims?” in *TIME* (June 30, 2003), suggested evangelicals

claims that Jihad is the only sure way to paradise (Qur'an, 3:169). It is to the Qur'an that Syed Qutb, ideologue and motivator of militant Islam, appeals when he builds his case for jihad (Qur'an 4:74-76; 8:38-40; 9:29-32). Those passages alone

So we do not need to publicly defame Islam and demean the Prophet of Islam as some

