

- [Robert Spencer](#) says:

“Here is a partial list of the Muslim and non-Muslim Islamic apologists who so far have either ignored or declined my invitation to debate...”

You can see his invitations to them, usually resulting from being smeared or mischaracterized.

- [Ahmed Afzaal](#) - Assistant Professor of Religion Concordia College
- [Akbar Ahmed](#) - [Prolific author](#) - Currently the Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies, American University in Washington, D.C., the First Distinguished Chair of Middle East and Islamic Studies at the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, and a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. Awarded the Honorary Doctor of Laws by the University of Liverpool, PhD at School of Oriental and African Studies London University, MA and Diploma in Education Cambridge University, and Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honors) Birmingham University.
- [Karen Armstrong](#) - Author of *Muhammad: A Prophet For Our Time*, others. Former nun.
- [Reza Aslan](#) - Ph.D. Sociology of Religions UC SB. Ass. prof. creative writing UC Riverside. Author, columnist.
- [Jamal Badawi](#) - One of the [best known](#) Muslim speakers in the West for decades. Egyptian born, Professor, author *Muhammad's Prophethood*, others. Ph.D. Business Administration. Member [Fiqh Council of North America](#), board of advisors [ISNA](#) since 1988, others. Also Board member [CAIR](#). At one time, Badawi was a [Board of Directors member](#) of the [Muslim Brotherhood](#) in the United States and a [founding incorporator](#) of the [MAS](#). Authored a book *Gender Equality In Islam*, but in 2004 Badawi issued a fatwa for IslamOnline.com outlining [six different conditions](#) in which a wife may be beaten according to his understanding of “Islamic teaching,” because, “there are cases ... in which a wife persists in bad habits.” He once [offered a million \\$](#) to anyone who could find references in the Qur’an that condone “religious war, or jihad.” Member of the board of trustees of the [International Union of Muslim Scholars](#) and a member of the [European Council for Fatwa and Research](#) – two organizations both organized and

headed by Qaradawi. Here is [video](#) clip of a Badawi Interfaith Dialogue™ at UCF. Badawi has been a member of ISNA's board of advisors since 1988

- [Juan Cole](#) - Professor of History U of Michigan. Ph.D. Islamic Studies, UCLA. Author. He has [defended Saudi Wahhabism](#). Said "Spencer is a fraud with no academic credentials in Islamic studies. For me to debate him would bestow on him a level of legitimacy his falsehoods have not earned him."
- [Robert D. Crane](#) - J.D. Harvard Law, former Nixon advisor, former Deputy Director for Planning of US National Security Council, Muslim convert, author.
- [Caner K. Dagli](#) - PhD, Assistant Professor, Islamic Studies Holy Cross
- [Danios of Loonwatch](#) and [Caner K Dagli](#).
- [Dinesh D'Souza](#) - New York Times Magazine named him one of America's most influential conservative thinkers. The World Affairs Council lists him as one of the nation's 500 leading authorities on international issues. Newsweek cited him as one of the country's most prominent Asian Americans. Born Catholic, now Evangelical Christian. From his bio:

"A former policy analyst in the Reagan White House, D'Souza also served as John M. Olin Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, and the Robert and Karen Rishwain Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa in English from Dartmouth College in 1983."
- [Carl Ernst](#) - Ph.D. Harvard, Kenan Distinguished Professor of Islamic studies at Department of Religious Studies at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, author of [Following Muhammad](#), others, A.B. comparative religion Stanford University. Also director Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations. A few years ago he taught a class '[Introduction to Islamic Civilization](#)' and in the syllabus he attached a page *Notes on the Ideological Patrons of an Islamophobe, Robert Spencer*. Spencer responds to Ernst's students [here](#).
- [John Esposito](#) - PhD Islamic studies Temple U., author of over 30 books, former President of [MESA](#) (Middle East Studies Association). Wall Street Journal [called](#) him

“America's foremost authority and interpreter of Islam.” Former President of [MESA](#), Holds one of the most prestigious position of Islamic studies in the country. Professor of Religion and International Affairs, and Professor of Islamic Studies at Georgetown U. Also founding and current (2011) director of Georgetown’s Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, named after a Saudi Prince who gave over \$20 million to Georgetown. At the center he hosts major conferences with some of America's best known [scholars](#) of Islam like on 10/23/08 *'Is There a Role for Shari'ah in Modern States?*

In a paper Esposito [wrote](#) about Islam & democracy, he said "A cross section of Muslim thinkers, religious leaders and mainstream Islamic movements from Egypt to Indonesia, Europe to America, engage in this kind of reformist interpretation of Islam and its relationship to democracy, pluralism and human rights. They include such religious scholars ('ulama') as Sheikh Yusuf Qaradawi..." *Defending "Radical" Islam* - detailed investigative report on Esposito.

- [Suhail Khan](#) - B.A. political science UC Berkeley, and a J.D. University of Iowa. Brotherhood operative who has penetrated CPAC. [More](#) about him.
- [Mark LeVine](#) - Professor of history U.C. Irvine. Also musician. B.A. comparative religion and biblical studies from Hunter College and M.A. and Ph.D. from NYU Middle Eastern Studies. He speaks Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish, Persian, Italian, French, German and English.
- [Dr. Gabriele Marranci](#) - Ph.D. Anthropology, Dept. of Anthropology Macquarie University, Australia, [taught](#) at many universities worldwide.
- [Haroon Moghul](#) - teaches Middle East, South Asia, and African Studies at Columbia University.
- [Khaleel Mohammed](#) - Associate professor of religion S.D. State U., and core faculty member SDSU's Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies. M.A. in religion (majoring in Judaism and Islam, Concordia University), Ph.D. (Islamic law) at McGill University, with an FCAR fellowship from the Government of Quebec

- [Grover Norquist](#) - B.A. & M.B.A Harvard. Here is how [he helped](#) Islamic Supremacists penetrate the White House.
- [Ahmed Rehab](#) - Executive director of CAIR Chicago.
- [Louay Safi](#) - Civil engineer, Ph.D. Political Science Wayne State U, Michigan. Director of Research at the IIIT, Founding Member and Director of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, and Common Word Fellow Georgetown Prince Alwaleed Center. Senior official at ISNA.
- [Omid Safi](#) - Professor Duke University, Ph.D. (Islamic law). Author of *Memories of Muhammad: Why the Prophet Matters*. He [falsely claimed](#) Spencer "is a hateful man, who has personally threatened me and my family with death. These are not people who are interested in serious scholarly debate."
- [Mia M. Bloom](#) - professor of security studies University of Massachusetts, author of *Dying to Kill: The Allure of Suicide Terror*; *Living Together After Ethnic Killing*; and *Bombshell: Women and Terror*.
- [Joseph Lumbard](#) - convert to Islam, professor and chair of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies in Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis.
- [Daniel Martin Varisco](#) - Hofstra University
- [Demonization of Spencer Summary](#) by the MSM after the Breivik Norway killings.