

ISLAM FROM A MIDDLE EASTERN PERSPECTIVE F.Y.

Statistics:

Percentages of Christians and Muslims in different Arab World countries

Islam in the Arab World – What does it mean?

- Religion
- Culture
- Identity (sense of belonging)
- Political (state)

Characteristics of devout Muslims

- Eternity (very strong motive)
- Fear
- Uncertainty
- Unquestioning about their faith
- Zeal

Current movements in Christianity and Islam in the Arab World

- Post-modern approach
- Rise of political Islam (mixed with religious commitment)
- Spiritual hunger – revival – Christianity/Islam
- Media – knowledge – asking – response
- Visions and dreams
- Conversions ... underground church (Algeria, Kurds, Egypt and others)