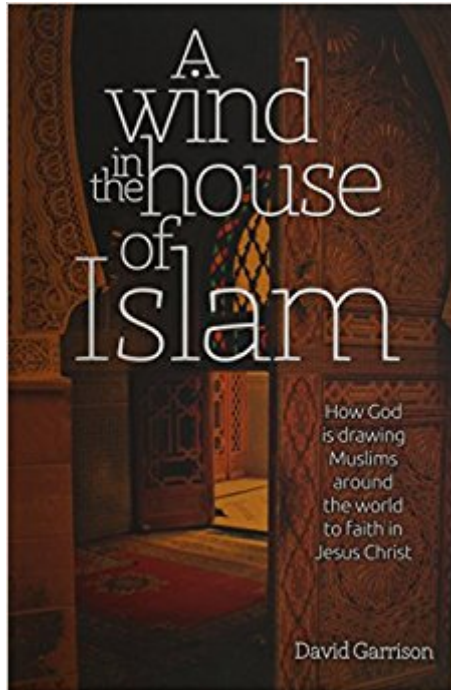


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# A Wind In The House Of Islam: How God Is Drawing Muslims Around The World To Faith In Jesus Christ



## Synopsis

There are nine geo-cultural "rooms" in the "House of Islam," and the Wind of God's Spirit is blowing through every one of them. David Garrison spent three years travelling a quarter-million miles through every corner of the Muslim world to investigate reports far and wide of Muslims turning to faith in Jesus Christ. In this amazing odyssey, Garrison gathered the stories of more than a thousand Muslim-background believers, asking them the question: "What did God use to bring you to faith in Jesus Christ? Tell me your story." The result is a historic and unprecedented insight into the greatest turning of Muslims to Christ in history. Hear the stories of men and women who have sacrificed everything - home, family, even their lives - for the sake of following Jesus. In this book, you will hear from men and women from West Africa to Indonesia and everywhere in between. You will see how God is at work through answered prayers; dreams and visions; 21st-century technologies such as Internet, satellite television, video and audio tools; and bold Christian witnesses who have often paid the ultimate price for the sake of reaching Muslims for Jesus Christ. Along the way, you will also gain insights into the fascinating background of each of these nine geo-cultural rooms in the House of Islam. Finally, and most importantly, you will learn how you too can be a part of the greatest turning of Muslims to Christ in history, both overseas and in your own community.

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mighty works of God in bringing movements of Muslims to faith in Jesus Christ. In centuries and even just decades past, many Christians thought Muslims could not be reached with the gospel, or at best could only be reached one at a time over the course of many years. We are privileged to live in a day when a whole book can be written focusing only on movements in which at least 1,000 baptized Muslim-background believers have come to faith in a relatively short time. In a brief overview of history since the beginning of Islam, Garrison notes, “In Islam’s first 12 centuries we found no voluntary, and only a handful of coerced, conversions to the Christian religion. Not until the end of the 19th century, twelve and a half centuries after the death of Muhammad, did we find the first voluntary movements of Muslims to Christ that numbered at least 1,000 baptisms. But then, in the final two decades of the 20th century, there was a surge of 11 additional movements. In only the first 12 years of the 21st century, an additional 69 movements to Christ of at least 1,000 baptized Muslim-background believers or 100 new worshipping fellowships have appeared. Something is happening – something historic, something unprecedented.” • This amazing increase in apparent openness to the gospel is noteworthy, and Garrison unveils some of how it’s happening, by focusing on one summary question: “What is God using to bring Muslims to faith in Christ?”

Review of *A Wind in the House of Islam* by David Garrison (WIGtake Resources, 2014) David Garrison is considered to be one of the most competent researchers among evangelical Christians interested in the global dynamics of world Christianity. In this book he investigates the significant number of new movements of people from Islam to Christ. He does this by dividing the house of Islam (and that is a technical term, *Dar al Islam*) into nine “rooms”, each corresponding to a defined region in the Muslim world, like the Arab room, the Persian room, and so on. Most of this book consists of these nine chapters wherein Garrison provides anecdotes and trends he identifies in those “rooms”. He also often tries to include the story of how this or that movement was initiated. This book is concerned with movements, not individual converts, and this is precisely what makes it so valuable and important. There are plenty of books about why individual Muslims convert to Christ, and there are works that treat specific facets of this or that movement to Christ, but this is the first book to summarize on a global level what some movements in the nine rooms of the house of Islam look like. Garrison is a serious researcher and knows the ins and outs of research in the social sciences. That having been said, readers who are looking for a detailed study with place names will often be disappointed. There is no way to get around these limitations though when it comes to research among apostates in the Muslim world. That something novel is happening

among Muslims is incontrovertible, namely that more than ever before in history are converting to Christ.

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