



Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on Muslim-Christian Dialogue

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It is incumbent upon Christians to attempt to “live peaceably with all men” (Romans 12:18). Recently some 138 Muslim clerics and scholars from throughout the world have attempted to encourage peace through discussion in contrast to the violent practices of some elements of Islam. In addressing “leaders of Christian churches, everywhere” in a document entitled *A Common Word Between Us and You*, these Muslim leaders have sought to create “common ground” as a basis of that peace. A group of three hundred scholars and leaders headed by Yale Divinity School’s Center for Faith and Culture, and including such notable signatories as Rick Warren, John Stott, Bill Hybels, Richard Mouw, Timothy George, and Brian McLaren, have submitted a document entitled *Loving God and Neighbor Together: A Christian Response to A Common Word Between Us and You*.

THEREFORE, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches (FFBC), meeting at Tri-State Bible Camp and Conference Center in Montague, New Jersey, for its Annual Conference in August 2008, express our concern that both *A Common Word* and *Loving God and Neighbor Together* actually cause confusion to the masses rather than offering true common ground. In *A Common Word* and in *Loving God and Neighbor Together*, a fundamental reality is distorted in the name of creating common ground. When *A Common Word* refers to “love of the One God” as a foundational principle upon which Muslims and Christians can agree as a basis for peace, and when *Loving God and Neighbor* answers back by “applauding” the “unique devotion to one God,” they both have muddied the waters by implying that both Muslims and Christians worship same God.

The God of the Bible is not the god of Islam. While the signatories of *Loving God and Neighbor* may applaud the sincere Muslims’ devotion to their “one God”, we, the pastors and delegates of the FFBC, call for Bible believers to recognize the clear distinction between the God of the Bible and the god of Islam, and we caution that monotheism is not enough, since James 2:19 instructs us “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.”

FURTHERMORE, we call upon Muslims around the world to repudiate their worship and devotion to the false god, Allah, and to turn in repentance and faith to Jesus Christ, Who has declared “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (John 14:6).”