



Religious Tolerance and Liberty in the Face of Terrorism:

Unraveling the Misconceptions about Islam

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On 9/11, 358 Muslims died among the 3,000 fatalities that occurred at the Pentagon, World Trade Center, and on board the hijacked airplane that crashed in Pennsylvania. American Muslims saw their entire faith hijacked as the perpetrators of these murders claimed Islam as their religion. The Muslim victims were not the only ones that perished that day, but the entire 8 million American Muslims. The texts and wisdom of all faiths are vulnerable to manipulation and abuse by violent extremists. It is up to people of conscience to seek and embrace the truth.

The goal of this panel discussion is to shed light on some common misconceptions about Islam and to introduce the audience to the basic values of Islam common to all Abrahamic faiths such as tolerance, justice, and devotion to family. The discussion will also focus on the experiences of American Muslims after 9/11.

The special speaker and the facilitator of this event is Mr. Alex Kronemer. Mr. Kronemer is a frequent writer and lecturer on religion and Islamic civilization. A writer with many articles published in newspapers, journals, and anthologies, he has lectured and delivered keynote speeches on campuses and to foundations across the country. Recently, he has co-created and co-produced a movie called "Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet." He holds a masters degree in Theological Studies from Harvard University, where his research dealt with the philosophy of religion and comparative religion.

Date: September 30, 2003

Time: 7:00–9:00 p.m.

**Place: Safeguard Scientifics Building, Warren V. Musser Auditorium
Penn State Great Valley, 30 East Swedesford Road, Malvern, PA 19355**

Reservations are recommended. Please call April at 610-648-3229 or e-mail asp10@psu.edu. This event is free and open to the public.

