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ISLAM VERSUS GOSPEL

Dear friends,

A recently received letter from the director of a school in Armenia on behalf of a reading group, thanks the ministry of Christians for Armenia for the book *Islam and the Gospel*, published when Rev. Aaron Kayayan was alive. She writes,

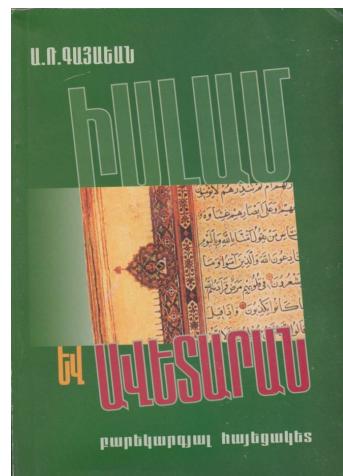
“This book is so detailed and profound in its analysis of the parallels and particulars of both Islam and Christianity, it provides many answers to the questions we have.”

Although published seven years ago, this book continues to be an invaluable resource for Armenian Christians who, because of their geographic situation, must confront the threat of radicalized Islamism. Chechnya is now making first-page news in the United States, due to the tragic bombings in Boston; but Chechnya has been in the conscience of Armenians for at least ten years now due on one hand to its ongoing war of independence with Russia, and on the other hand, its radicalization. Why is it a concern for Armenians? Chechnya lies less than 250 miles from Armenia.

The letter continues, “because of the setting of our country we must be vigilant and prudent as Islam continues to become more and more aggressive.”

PAYING A PRICE FOR THE FAITH

On April 24, Armenians around the world commemorated the Armenian genocide. As we do so every year, we remember the historic Christian faith this nation has clung to and the price it has paid for that faith. More important than a historic faith, however, is a relevant faith, one that is transformative, that sustains a people through political isolation and economic hardship; a saving faith that upholds the individual, lifting a person from despair as he clings to Jesus Christ, or as she transcends her day to day struggles and gazes upon eternity.



Rev. A.R. Kayayan's book
on Islam and the Gospel
was published in 2006, two
years before he passed
away

This is what Christians for Armenia is passionately committed to: equipping individual Christians and the existing church in Armenia, renewing it from within and providing training materials, broadcasts, and seminars so that it can hold fast to the Gospel in the face of extremism, false teachings, rites and superstitions. Our goal is not church planting, but the strengthening and renewing of a church already in existence. We seek a purifying of the church that can only happen when the Word of God lies at its foundation.

SIX WEEKLY BROADCASTS

In our last newsletter, we pleaded for funds in order to air two additional broadcasts per week. Through God's providence and the help of our Canadian brothers and sisters, this request has been met and we are now airing six, rather than four broadcasts per week. This is such an answer to prayer and we want to thank those who have understood the importance of this regular broadcast presence. The Armenian people are thirsty! Surely this thirst is a sign of God's leading in this small country, and we are blessed to be co-workers with the Lord. We echo the thoughts of the famous German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who writes, "Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."

We do not know what the Lord is preparing Armenia for, but it does seem that such a small Christian nation surrounded by hostile Muslim nations may have important Kingdom work to do. That is just the kind of miracle our Lord is able to do and we can participate in if we have the vision. Will you renew your commitment to partner with us?

In Christ,

The committee of Reformed Faith and Life / Christians for Armenia

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Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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