

Unpopular tenet ponders: Is Jesus the savior of the world?

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The World Council of Churches recently was host to 130 representatives from 10 world faiths for major talks on interreligious relations. The WCC, which encompasses 340 mainline Protestant and Orthodox denominations, considers this a "core issue."

At the session, WCC chief executive Samuel Kobia, a Kenya Methodist, proposed new definitions for words including "conversion" and "missions."

"If there is anything that

we need to convert, it is the mentality of people to become true human persons," said Kobia. "Our common missionary vocation is to transform the world to be truly human, to recover our common humanity."

More directly, Muslim political scientist Reba Raouf Ezzat from Egypt said religions must enter a "post-conversion" era, forsaking proselytism.

Yet Islam is so intent on absolute truth that it deems defections to other faiths intolerable. Some Muslim

nations make conversion punishable by death, others treat it as a less severe crime and private vigilantes sometimes punish converts.

Christianity's toughest issue, perhaps, is addressed in "Is Jesus the Only Savior?" (Eerdmans) by James R. Edwards. He answers with an emphatic yes.

Though a clergyman in a WCC member, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and theology chairman at Presbyterian Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., Edwards wasn't the sort invited to the

conference. In his denomination, 1,300 congregations have joined a movement that insists "Jesus Christ alone is Lord of all and the way of salvation."

This belief is also endorsed by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger — now Pope Benedict XVI — in "Truth and Tolerance: Christian Belief and World Religions" (Ignatius). The pope asserts that Christianity "from its very origin

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Muslim woman sues over right to wear her head scarf

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ORLANDO, Fla. — A Muslim woman sued an apartment management company Wednesday, alleging that she was denied a job at an Orlando complex because she refused to remove her head scarf for religious reasons.

Danine Hammond joined a growing list of Muslim women nationwide alleging discrimination over their "hijab" or head scarf, which some Mus-

lim women say they are required to wear because of modesty.

Hammond says in the state court lawsuit that when she showed up for the first day of work in April 2004 at the Chapel Trace Apartments, office manager Olga Sierra called her into her office and told her that she wouldn't be allowed to work "dressed like that."

When the office manager told Hammond to take off her

head scarf, Hammond said she couldn't and asked to speak to a supervisor about making an accommodation, the lawsuit said. Hammond, who lives in the apartment complex, was sent home and told she would be contacted by telephone.

The lawsuit said that she was never contacted by the apartment complex's management company, Miami-based Housing Trust Man-

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Academy has religious intolerance

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School officials said her transfer was routine.

Air Force investigators spent several days at the school earlier this year, looking into complaints that evangelical Christians wield so much influence that anti-Semitism and other forms of religious harassment have become pervasive.

There have been complaints at the academy that a Jewish cadet was told the Holocaust

was revenge for the death of Jesus and that another Jew was called a Christ killer by a fellow cadet. A banner in the football team's locker room read: "I am a Christian first and last ... I am a member of Team Jesus Christ."

Also, there have been complaints that cadets were pressured to attend chapel, that academy staffers put New Testament verses in government e-mail, and that cadets used the e-mail system to

encourage others to see the Mel Gibson movie "The Passion of the Christ."

Capps and Israel said the report conflicts with comments that school superintendent Lt. Gen. John Rosa made to reporters earlier this month. At the time, Rosa said: "I know I have problems in my cadet wing. I have issues in my staff, and I have issues in my faculty — and that's my entire organization."

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Years ago, when I was coming up in the religious world at West Deep Creek Baptist Church, R.E. Lindsay was the pastor. He was invited to preach one Sunday night up in White Store community at Meltonville Baptist Church. I went to hear him. I'll never forget a statement Bro. Lindsay made from the pulpit that night that followed me. He made this statement: "They tell me that with every breath you breathe you are sinning against God. If that is true, hell is going to be your home!" Someone may ask me: "Alright, Bro. Little, what about that statement?" Friend, out of Christ, in every breath you breathe, you are sinning against a holy and righteous God. And unless you flee to Christ and are covered by His Blood, hell is going to be your home! What will you do about it? You are going out into eternity and you are going to meet the Lord. It is far better to meet the Lord here and be broken. If you don't meet the Lord here, He'll meet you on the other side. You cannot get around dealing with the eternal Son of God. It is so sad to see you elderly go on not knowing the Lord. Some of you have told me: "We were brought up in the church and we are going to stay in the church." Alright, stay in your church and go to hell for your trouble. That is exactly what you will do. But every truth will one day witness against you. Oh, how sad to see you go on without Christ! You've been in the church all your life, but seemingly the Lord has become silent to you. Great religionists will tell you: "As long as there is life there is hope." I'll answer you from the Word of God; in Genesis 4, God cursed Cain. Was there any hope for Cain after that? I know, Bible teachers will tell you that if Cain had asked for forgiveness, he would have been saved. What foolishness! Three times in the First Chapter of Romans, Paul said: "God gave them up" or "God gave them over..." A preacher said to me: "God never gives anybody up." What a blind fool! That preacher will get the greatest shock of his life one minute after death.

Your Gospel Editor and Teacher,
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