

Summary

Attitudes of the Christians towards Islam: History – Presence – Perspectives

This thesis studies the Christian attitudes towards Islam, both in history and at present time. It puts the topic in the wider context of relating to „otherness“ of others and examines in the framework of the inter-disciplinary approach.

First chapter introduces selected concepts of religious studies, psychology and social sciences, that concern the inter-religious relations.

Second introductory chapter is based on comparative religion. It analyses main accords as well as divergencies between Christianity and Islam.

Third chapter deals with the history of religions. It gradually analyses phases of history in the relations between the Christians and the Muslims and the attitudes taken by the Christians towards Islam.

Fourth chapter depicts the relations between the Christians and the Muslims at present as well as in the recent past. It presents the Christian views of Islam in the period between the end of the Second World War and the year 2009.

The closing chapter is dedicated to the present state relations between the Christians and the Muslims. It builds on previous chapters and analyses various paradigms from the history of the Christian attitudes towards Islam, which are current in present-day Christianity. It attempts to draw lessons from the history for today and to make a forecast of possibilities for future developments. Such is, in the essence, the overall objective of the thesis.

Keywords

Christianity; Islam; history of religion; inter-religious relations; inter-disciplinary approach