

What Jerusalem Means to Us

Muslim Perspectives and Reflections

Why is the Holy City of Jerusalem cherished by billions of people as unique, precious, and irreplaceable?

Why must the three Abrahamic faiths of Islam, Christianity, and Judaism all share Jerusalem?

Why do Muslims embrace Jerusalem as their third holiest place after Mecca and Medina?

Why do Palestinian Muslims and Christians unite their voices in support of East Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Palestine and what must we do to sustain our commitment?

Why are we all in our own way obligated to protect and serve Jerusalem's promise by preserving it for all people everywhere?

Political regimes come and go, armies invade and then retreat, embassies are established and then relocated – but Jerusalem will abide in the human heart forever as central to culture, history, identity, and spirituality. This timely and unique volume contains 12 important essays by Palestinian Muslims of various geographic and professional backgrounds sharing their intimate experiences in and reflections on Jerusalem. Their contributions – genuine, learned, profound – faithfully address the Muslim stake in Jerusalem as well as its universal meaning.

The Holy City belongs to humanity – to all those who aspire, seek, and pursue a higher calling in its hallowed ground – and it should remain so, as long as the mountains and the seas endure. These are the primary goals of [What Jerusalem Means to Us: Muslim Perspectives and Reflections](#). The companion volume, [What Jerusalem Means to Us: Christian Perspectives and Reflections](#), was published in 2018 and received praise from a diverse readership. The two volumes complement each other beautifully.

The new book is published by HCEF, in partnership with the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS) in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, which is under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal. In his Foreword, he endorses the book's underlying vision and insights:

“ Mutual respect and peaceful coexistence are essential prerequisites for a lasting peace. The status quo is simply untenable. Jerusalem is a shared gift, not the sole property of one government or one people.

” **HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal**

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