



# The Burning Bush—Online article archive

## Muslim errors proclaimed in “Christian” pulpit



**Bill Hybels is a self-acclaimed expert on church growth. He is pastor of the Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago, USA. He tours around organising a sort of religious jamboree in any church interested in his methods, and by this means increases the attendance at that church. Probably opening a cinema in the premises would accomplish the same thing and be about as edifying! His methods are based on getting rid of those things that keep the ungodly out of a church. But these men such as Hybels present a serious threat to the cause of Christ for they preach another gospel.**

After the terrorist attacks of September 11, in New York and Washington, he invited Muslim leader Faisal Hammouda to speak to his church about Islam. He provided this false religious leader a large forum to speak lies. Hammouda told the crowd of 17,000 at Willow Creek that the Koran does not teach violence and that Islam also believes in Jesus Christ. “Muslims consider Jesus and other biblical figures to be Islamic prophets — though not as important as Muhammad -- and we have all the prophets from the Bible,” he said.

### A Lie

It is a lie to say that Muslims believe in Jesus. In fact, the Islamic religion teaches that Jesus Christ is not God, that He did not die on the cross for our sins and did not rise from the dead. Whoever they may believe in, it is not the Christ of the Bible. After the dialogue, Hybels said in an interview that the goal of the event wasn't to change longstanding views (Chicago Tribune, Oct. 12, 2001). But views were changed as the following quote from the same newspaper indicates. One woman, Elizabeth Perez, said after the service, ‘I didn't know they believed in Jesus.’ Muslims don't. They worship a false god and believe in a false christ; and the Bible says we are to preach the gospel to false religions, not dialogue with them. As a result of organising the meeting for the Muslim teacher, Hybels advanced the cause of the devil's lie and misled at least some professing Christians who attended.

In the presence of false religion, the example of the Apostle Paul on Mars Hill should be followed. To preach boldly against false gods and proclaim God's command, that all men everywhere repent and believe the gospel message of the Bible, is the need of the hour. Instead Hybels, like all his ilk, is in tune with the ‘political correctness’ of the world and conforms to its notions and fancies. As the USA military are considering ceasing hostilities during the Muslim ‘holy month’ of Ramadan lest Muslim sensitivities are upset, so ecumenists and deceivers deny Christ rather than upset the Saviour’s enemies. The words of Christ need to be noted and heeded. *He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad*, Matthew 12:30. *Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels*, Mark 8:38. As the various manifestations of false religion, paganism and apostate so-called Christianity move closer together, the need for faithfulness amongst God's remnant testimony increases.