With about 1.7 billion members and growing, Islam is the second largest religion in the world. Now, you can understand Islam and its complex relationship with Christian theology. In *Christian and Islamic Theology*, you will deepen your own Christian theological reflection by examining the ways Islam addresses Christian teaching. In doing so, you will seek to remember what Blessed John Paul II described as the “role of the Holy Spirit in the process by which knowledge matures into wisdom” (*Fides et Ratio*, 44).

Your guide for this insightful examination is Prof. Gabriel Said Reynolds (Ph.D., Yale University), a Catholic expert on Muslim-Christian relations and professor at the University of Notre Dame. Through 21 thorough and enlightening lectures, you will learn about the history, teachings, and theology of Islam. In this course, you will examine Islamic works, from the Qur’an to twenty-first-century Islamic apologies, which address Christian theology. First, you will explore the development of Islamic thought on Christianity in the Qur’an and influential Islamic works of the classical period. You will then see how Christians responded to the challenge posed by the new religion. Finally, you will ask how Christians—concerned for the proclamation of their faith and harmonious dialogue between religions—might think of the Church’s relationship with Islam today.

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