



Global Faith Institute



Cory Miller and Mark Christian spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on March 22. They are from the Global Faith Institute in Omaha and came to talk about evangelism in the Muslim world.

Mark grew up in Cairo Egypt. He was born into a very devout Muslim family. Mark's father was very involved in the Muslim Brotherhood and his uncle was in the leadership. It recruits members and helps them go to college. They were both from very poor families and joined the Brotherhood in Jr. High. His father was a physician and was involved in the 1967 war with Israel. His father took him along to meetings when he was 5 years old.

Mark was 23 and in medical school when he began a 10 year journey looking for God. At that time he was transitioning to become a leader in Islam. He started looking to Christianity and on March 29, 2003 he became a Christian. At that time he had memorized most of the Quran and been to Mecca nine times. His father wants to kill him since he became Christian, so Mark had to immigrate to the United States with his family.

As background on Muslims, Mark said that they believe that Muhammad fulfilled the Old Testament. They also believe that Islam is the complete and universal version of a primordial faith that has been revealed before through many prophets including Abraham, Moses, Ishmael and Jesus. Muslims also believe that these previous messages and revelations have been partially changed or corrupted over time and that the Qur'an is the final unaltered revelation from God (The Final Testament). They also believe that Abraham was a Muslim, even though it says nothing about that in the Old Testament. At the age of 40, Muhammad was a normal man. He married a Christian woman at age 25 and she mentored him until he was 40. Then the angel Gabriel visited him and he began preaching a peaceful message. In 622, at the age of 52, he travelled from Mecca to Medina, united tribes there, and began fighting other tribes. He died at age 63. The revelations which

Calendar

- Mar 26, Wednesday – Can kennel sorting for JOOI, 3:30 p.m.
- Apr 22, Sunday – Youth Appreciation
- Apr 23 – 30 years for Treynor Optimist Club.

Birthdays

- Mar 2 – Ward Chambers
- Mar 11 – Kenneth Graham (recognized)
- Mar 20 – Jon Jacobsen

Speakers

Muhammad reported receiving until his death from the verses of the Quran. Mark said that most Muslims have not read the Quran and the only allowed interpretations of the Quran were written 300-700 years later. No newer interpretations or updates are allowed, even though they believe that if a conflict exists between old writings and new writings, the new writings override the old.

The Muslim Brotherhood started in Egypt in 1928 as a religious social organization; preaching Islam, teaching the illiterate, setting up hospitals and even launching commercial enterprises. They evolved into a political movement to control the world. They exist in 170 countries and have a larger economy that 2 or 3 of the larger Middle-East countries.

In the last decade, one Muslim Brotherhood front group, the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), has spent over one billion dollars to influence the United States. They seek influence through subtle ways to reach children, charitable religions, and government. Mark said that they support the Muslim Student Association, which has 900 chapters in the United States and Canada. Their purpose is to destroy the spirit of America in the youth, promote Israel as a terrible country, and target the very bright students.

The Islamic Society of North America is also partially funded by the Muslim Brotherhood. They purportedly work on interfaith dialog, along with other activities and help Christian churches by renting their facilities to build stronger relations.

The Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is also funded by the Muslim Brotherhood. They are working on the rights of Muslims in the Military. They actively promote acceptance of Muslims through Government channels.

The Muslim Brotherhood is a sponsor of the Tri Faith Initiative at 130th and Pacific in Omaha. Cory and Mark have asked the Institute to not accept money from the Muslim Brotherhood, but they have refused. The Tri-Faith Initiative Cory said that we need to strengthen our Christian faith to resist Muslim influences.

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting on March 22 and gave the opening prayer. Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, and Bill Vorthmann contributed jokes.

A wood snake was auctioned for \$2. Can kennel sorting is Wednesday at 3:30.

Gary Funkhouser said that the Quiz Bowl was this past week. This is the first time in the seven years of the Quiz Bowl that Treynor did not get 1st or 2nd place. Tri-Center won again this year. There were 17 teams competing.

April 23 is the 30th year of the Treynor Optimist Club. We will plan a dinner in May to celebrate.

Judy Gutttau won the 50/50 drawing. Bill Matthews won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 13 members and 3 guests at the meeting.

Mar 30 –

Anniversaries

Mar 8 – Keith & Georgia Denton (recognized)

Prayers

- Mar 29 — Judy Gutttau
- Apr 5 — Gary Funkhouser
- Apr 12 — Ken Graham
- Apr 19 — Gary Gutttau
- Apr 26 — Dale Willenborg