

The Jihad of Jesus: How Christians and Muslims can work together for peace and justice

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In the context of the conflict between Christians and Muslims, which has escalated alarmingly in many parts of the world since 9/11, Dave Andrews searched for a Muslim counterpart with whom he could work in partnership to rebuild the bridges of communication the extremists are blowing up. He found Dr. Nora Amath, Director of Australian Muslim Advocates of the Rights of All Humanity. Based on these conversations he wrote a book called 'The Jihad Of Jesus: The Sacred Nonviolent Struggle For Justice' which is a handbook for reconciliation and action: a do-it-yourself guide for all Christians and Muslims who want to move beyond the 'so-called clash of civilizations' and instead are prepared to struggle side by side for justice and peace.

Dave Andrews, his wife Ange and their friends started Aashiana, Sahara, and Sharan, faith-based community organisations working with slum dwellers, sex workers, drug addicts, and people with HIV/AIDS in India; and they are now a part of the Waiters Union in Brisbane, Australia; an inner city Christian community network that is walking alongside people of other faiths with Aborigines, refugees and people with disabilities. Dave is interested in radical spirituality, incarnational community and interfaith peacemaking. He is the author of many books, including 'Not Religion, But Love', 'A Divine Society', 'People Of Compassion' 'Compassionate Community Work', the 'Plan Be' series, 'Bismillah', 'Isa' and his latest book called '*The Jihad Of Jesus: The Sacred Nonviolent Struggle For Justice.*'

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Followed by supper and ongoing discussion with Dave Andrews at All Saints' Church Hall, 786 Cumberland St. All welcome.

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