

# Success!: Character Studies from the Bible (Dialog)

"... an enlightening study of themes surrounding the character of Abraham in the Bible and the Qur'an. Bristow analyzes the figure of Abraham in both scriptures attentively and sympathetically."

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## DO MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS TRULY SHARE ABRAHAM?

Is Abraham a starting point for dialogue among monotheistic faith communities? These questions have seldom been examined as thoroughly or as sensitively as they are here. Bristow rigorously analyzes biblical and qur'anic Abraham narratives and builds on the tight connection between narrative and worldview to lay the foundation for a careful and illuminating theological comparison between two portraits of Abraham and the two faith traditions in which they are embedded. In the course of building his argument, Bristow introduces an original model for analyzing the relationship of narrative to worldview and sheds important light on the function of Abraham for contemporary Turkish Muslims.

*Sharing Abraham* is an essential resource for anyone interested in narrative and worldview studies, comparative theology, biblical and qur'anic hermeneutics, Abrahamic dialogue, or Islam in Turkey.



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"Bristow is to be congratulated for making available an invaluable resource for further understanding between the different faiths, particularly in clearing up misconceptions. It is to be recommended to all who wish to appreciate more fully beliefs they may not share and the reasons why they are held."

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