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LIST OF MAIN ABBREVIATIONS

AJISS	:	American Journal of Islamic Social Science
BHMIIS	:	Bulletin of the Henry Martin Institute of Islamic Studies
CD	:	Current Dialogue
DG	:	The Drew Gateway
EAPR	:	East Asian Pastoral Review
EQ	:	The Evangelical Quarterly
FE	:	Foreign Affairs
HI	:	Hamdard Islamicus
HJ	:	The Hibbert Journal
IBMR	:	International Bulletin of Missionary Research
IC	:	Islamic Culture
ICMR	:	Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations
IJMES	:	International Journal of Middle East Studies
IMA	:	Islam and the Modern Age
IRM	:	International Review of Mission
JAAR	:	Journal of the American Academy of Religion
JES	:	Journal of Ecumenical Studies
MT	:	Modern Theology
MW	:	The Muslim World
NS	:	New Statesman
NTR	:	New Theology Review
PISAI	:	Pontificio Instituto di Studi Arabi e d' Islamistica
PMVB	:	Pro Mundi Vita Bulletin
OCP	:	Oriente Christiana Periodica
RS	:	Religious Studies
SID	:	Studies in Interreligious Dialogue
SJRS	:	Scottish Journal of Religious Studies
SJT	:	Scottish Journal of Theology
SM	:	Studia Missionalia
TJT	:	Toronto Journal of Theology
ZMR	:	Zeitschrift für Missionswissenschaft und Religionswissenschaft

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

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While revising this study for the second edition I did not find it appropriate to touch the main argument and assumption of this study by adding new comments in the light of new developments concerning interreligious dialogue in general and Christian-Muslim dialogue in particular that occurred from 1998 to our day. Instead, I have translated one of my articles, which was published in Turkish on the occasion of the previous pope Pope Benedict XVI' Regensburg speech in which he has expressed rather offensive statements about the Prophet Muhammad and Islam by referring to the Byzantine Empire Manuel Palaiologos II. I intend to demonstrate to our reader the present position of interreligious dialogue in terms of official Christian establishments.

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