



Biography

Mahmoud Ayoub is a Lebanese scholar and professor of religious and inter-faith studies. Mahmoud was born into a Muslim family in 1935 at South Lebanon. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the American University of Beirut in 1964, he moved to America to complete a Masters of Arts in Religious Thought from the University of Pennsylvania in 1966 and then a Doctorate in History of Religion from Harvard University in 1975. His doctoral dissertation was about Ashura Hoseini and during writing of the thesis, Anne Marie Schimmel served as the advisor Professor too.

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- The Quran and Its Interpreters - Volume I,II (1984, 1992)
- Islam: Faith and History (2005)
- A Muslim View of Christianity: Essays On Dialogue (2007)
- The Crisis Of Muslim History: Religion And Politics In Early Islam (2014)