

But the Ahmadiyya of Kababir are unusual in that they have allowed the entrance of the Baptists, an evangelical Christian missionary group, into their community to minister to the Arab Christian minority. The traditional system of millets, or closed religious communities in Israel, and a shared conviction of religious tolerance prompted the Ahmadiyya to allow the Baptists to enter as missionaries to the Christians in their community. Despite basic theological differences, the Ahmadiyya Movement and the Baptists share broad similarities of background and outlook in relation to the larger Muslim and Christian bodies from which they arose.

Baptist involvement in Kababir has aided in the breaking down of subtle social barriers that have existed between the various religious groups. Kababir, therefore, offers a unique example of the opportunity that exists for a positive Christian-Muslim dialogue.

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