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Comments and/or Suggestions:

Let us know what you think?

*In 50 years I have never seen a huge display concentrating on a specific religion - Even tho your Arab display compared the Torah, Koran or bible - the whole emphasis is on Islam - including the books being distributed to How is a state-sponsored library allowed to promote (in any way) one religion over another? I don't see a Christian bible on display or a Torah or pamphlets available on Christianity or the Jewish religion - this is offensive!*

This patron left no name or contact information, so we could not have a meaningful conversation in reply. But I would like to reply for the public record. It seems that this patron didn't actually look at the display. As the pictures of the display clearly show, the emphasis was on the three Arab American monotheistic religions, not Islam exclusively.

There is clearly a Torah, Bible, and Koran, each mounted in a protective case. If any complaint could be made, it would be that Arab American Jews got the short shrift on one of the two triptychs which highlighted only Islam and Christianity.

Addressing the issue of the literature on the table, the museum left an assortment of pamphlets on the tables when they set up the display, only one of which was devoted to Islam (see photos at right). It may be that the Islam pamphlets were the only ones left when this patron viewed the display.

Finally, since there is clearly not a preferential treatment of one religion over the other two, the notion that we are doing anything more than promoting education is unsubstantiated.

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