

Islam, Judaism and Christianity: Lessons from Medieval Spain for Today's World

A Local Religion Project Lecture

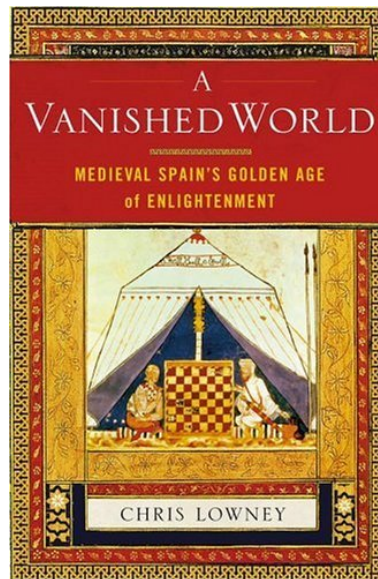
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In the middle ages Spain flourished as Europe's commercial and cultural center. An important part of that story is the way in which Spain's Muslims, Christians, and Jews often lived and worked side-by-side, co-existing successfully for the first time ever in Europe and creating a legacy that influenced developments in medicine, mathematics, and architecture for many years. And yet over time the "era of the three religions" dissolved into religious intolerance that reverberates to the present day and still divides our world. In this lecture Chris Lowney explores that dynamic history, probing for what can be learned from that vanished world to help us navigate our religiously diverse global and local communities today.



Chris Lowney is the author of *Heroic Leadership: Best Practices from a 450-Year-Old Company That Changed the World* (Loyola Press, 2003) (on which he is giving talks at Santa Clara University on April 30 and May 1). Lowney, who holds degrees in medieval history and philosophy, lives in New York, where he is special assistant to the president of the Catholic Medical Mission Board, the leading U.S.-based Catholic charity providing health-care programs around the globe. At least 20 percent of Lowney's royalties from the U.S. editions of his works are donated to charities providing education, health care and social services in the developing world. *Vanished Worlds* was published in 2005.



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