# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

# Chapter 8: Comparative Cultural Patterns

1. Compare the relationship of Islam to Arab culture and Christianity to Western culture.

2. Explain how contemporary U.S. society can be seen from the perspective of fundamentalist Islam.

3. Discuss the role of social media in bringing change to the Middle East.

4. Of all the chapters in this textbook, the author has received the most emails about this chapter. About half complain that the chapter is anti-Muslim; about half that the chapter is pro-Muslim. Why do you think this chapter has generated the most feedback? How would you advise the author to respond?

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