

**A WESTERN OUTLOOK
THE WAY OF ISLAM
IN THE 21ST CENTURY**



**A FREE BOOK
COMPILED WITH COMMENTARY
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PREFACE

This is a free book. It is based on current media reports as well as decades of study and research into issues surrounding Islam. I thank several academic institutions for the basic background in dealing with Middle Eastern issues. I was fortunate as well to have studied, lived and worked in areas of the Middle East. Time spent most notably in the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan and Iran along with lesser visits to other areas such as Turkey, Jordan and elsewhere added to my basic knowledge of the region.

There are many individuals I would like to thank as well, but the names and list would be too exhausting, so I just say, thank you all.

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The more important part is that the book and its contents are designed to celebrate freedom and allow others to do the same by freely sharing the information the picture book contains. One of my most lasting and important lessons about Islam came from a very celebrated professor wellversed in Islamic and Middle Eastern affairs.

I was researching and gathering information about an Islamic subject of interest to me. He pointed out that if I wanted to substantiate and affirm any suspicion I held about where the evidence was leading, it would need to have supporting conclusive grounding in the Qur'an. He was of course right and the subject I was researching did have a little-recognized Qur'anic base.

I was amazed and still am at how many Muslims either overlook or fail to focus on some primary aspects of the Qur'an. The Qur'an teaches that Arabs and Arabic have primacy in all things Islam.

The Qur'an must be read in Arabic to truly understand Islam--by its own declaration. The Arabic Qur'an is very clear in naming as well the Arab tribe that stands most favored and primary at the pinnacle of Islam. That revelation in the Qur'an led me to understand that Islam began from a base of inequality--religiously, and that, for me, in this day and age was a problem.

The question of freedom under Islam was another problem. Once one submits, one cannot change one's mind or have a change of heart.

To do so is labeled apostasy and apostasy is punishable by death. The freedom to question, explore, make errors, learn and move on has harsh Islamic strictures—another problem for me. Imagine a child "born to Islam" who is as curious as I was. Imagine that child being unable to freely--for fear of death from circumstances of place

of birth only--being unable to seek knowledge without fear. Such a state did exist widely in the Dark Ages. Mankind has moved beyond that and that is a good thing, I believe.

For readers of this picture book, as stated, do with it as you please after going through it. Enjoy! (or not).

ISLAM AND MUSLIMS

**A 21ST CENTURY
PICTURE BOOK**

INTRODUCTION

The 21st Century has seen an on-going outburst of religious violence primarily linked to Islam. Islam claims to be the perfect religion, but lasting evidence casts severe doubt on the claim.

There is little need to emphasize that "religious" is the keyword attached to the violence we see.

We all live in a violent world. Islam, however, currently cuts a wide swath for faith-based "religious" violence, and many Muslims seemingly take pride from the religious violence we see.

They do so even as we see that Muslims are primarily the ones suffering daily consequences of internal religious violence. Non-Muslims who can be called "outsiders" also feel the thorny sting of Islamic violence.

Islamic extremists by whatever name engage in widespread equal-opportunity destruction. The Islamic World, in Arabic is called euphemistically, "The House of Islam" or *dar al-Islam*.

We outsiders who do not reside in the House of Islam have become scapegoats duped by Muslims as well as targets for religious violence.

ABOUT THE IMAGES

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In an attempt to further allow others to see the heart rending evidence, the pages here have made use of those copies.

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ON LANGUAGE, ARABIC AND THE WAY

This graphical presentation on Islam in the 21st Century takes note of some historical background.

The contemporary status of Islam is the main focus, but some history cannot be avoided.

Many images are accompanied by English and Arabic textual comments for some clarity.

The Arabic may have a few syntactical errors.

Arabic is a difficult language for us outsiders.

In any foreign language, nuances may be lost via direct word-for-word translation.

The Arabic here tries to capture not the literal translation in all cases, but the nuance needed.

For example: the "House of Islam" can be both literal--and figurative, as the "World of Islam."

The "World of Islam" isn't any one Islamic locale, but any house or physical location in which five prayers are an established daily religious ritual.

The all-inclusive call of any or all Muslims that outsiders need to give Islam unqualified respect has many hidden snares and traps.

The main snare and trap is that Islam should have its way and we should bow to Islam's Way always.

The "Way of Islam" is something the Qur'an repeatedly teaches. Muslims want our submission to that Way without question.

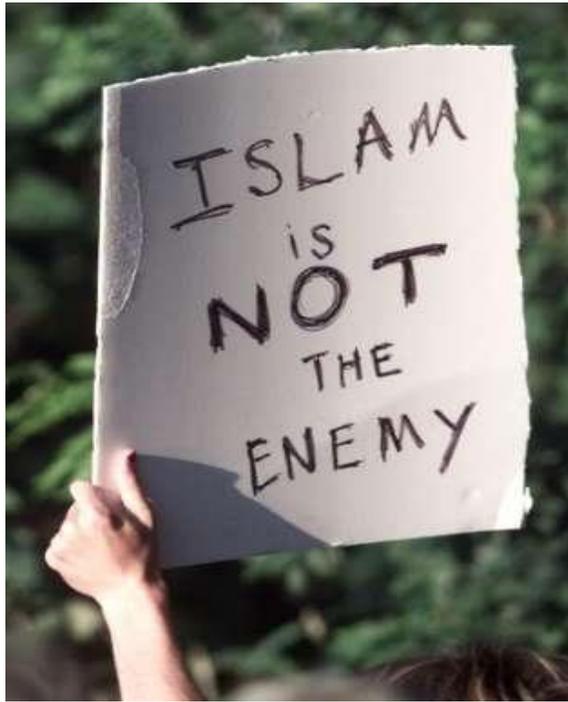
OUTSIDERS AND ISLAM'S WAY

The gradual erosion of any outsider resistance to Islam's Way is a short and long-term goal.

Shifting focus from the internal violence in the House of Islam to outsiders' so-called disrespect for Islam has been one strategic ploy.

We outsiders become duped scapegoats by not carefully parsing insiders' House-of-Islam crafty strategic claims of hostile response for our alleged on-going and incessant provocative disrespect.

THE WAY OF ISLAM



SABILY—ON THE STRAIGHT PATH
CHAPTER 1

A SPOTLIGHT ON DIVERSITY IN ISLAM FANCY CONFRONTS REALITY

الضوء على التنوع في الإسلام
اوهام مواجهة الواقع



WELCOME TO ISLAM



لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله
THERE IS NO GOD
BUT ALLAH
AND MUHAMMAD
IS THE MESSENGER OF
ALLAH.

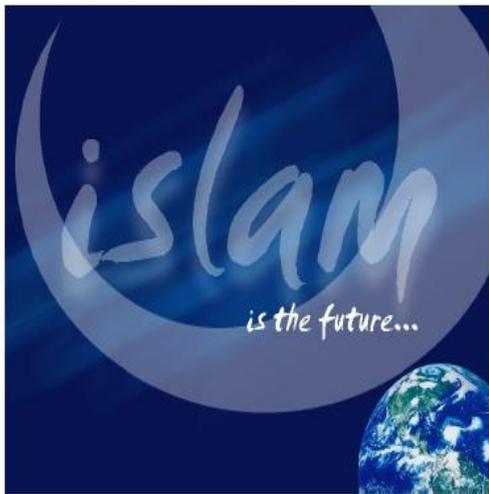
Islam is salvation through repentance.
Islam has love for all abundance.
Islam means no harm or affliction.
Islam implores you with affection.

ISLAM
IS
PEACE

Islam is ease.
Islam is not a danger or disease.
Islam is love and prosperity.
Islam is not hatred or adversity.



**MUSLIMS HAVE LONG PROMISE A PEACEFUL FUTURE
DESPITE FRACTIOUS PAST AND PRESENT**



قد وعدوا المسلمون في العالم مستقبلا هادئا وديعاعلى الرغم من الماضي
والحاضر المنقسم

**THE WORLD HAS SEEN THIS TO BE A FALSE PROMISE
ISLAMIC IMPERFECTIONS HAUNT US—NOT DISAPPEARING**

شهد العالم هذا الوعد الكاذب
عيوب الإسلامية هي الكوابيس التي لن تختفي



**OURS IS NOT A WORLD FILLED WITH RELIGIOUS WARS
BUT YET WE HAVE ONE THAT WILL NOT QUELL**

هذا ليس عالم مليء الحروب الدينية ولكن بعد لدينا واحدة من شأنها أن لا تهدئة

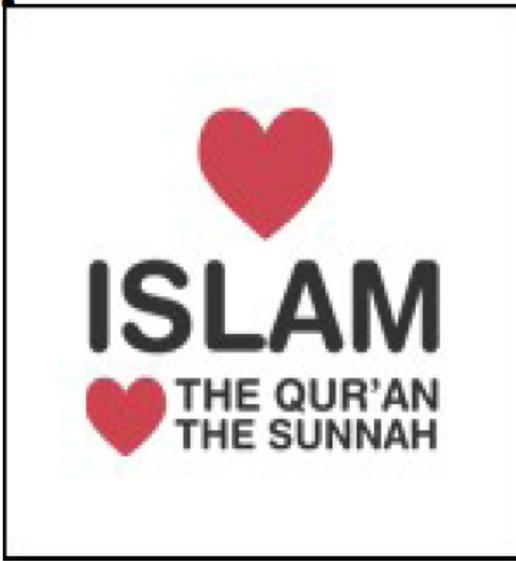


أمرء الحرب وشيوخ
والمتمردين الذين يتوقون
ليكون الخليفة تقوض
السلام والأمن

- WARLORDS, SHAYKHS AND REBELS WHO YEARN TO LEAD AND OR BE A NEW CALIPH UNDERMINE PEACE AND SECURITY

ISLAM HIJACKED?

الإسلام المخطوفة



الملايين من المسلمين المؤمنين
يشعرون يفتري من خلال ردود الفعل
الخارجية للتطرف الإسلامي وأنهم على
حق حول بعض منه

- MILLIONS OF MUSLIM BELIEVERS FEEL MALIGNED BY EXTERNAL REACTIONS TO ISLAMIC EXTREMISM AND THEY ARE RIGHT ABOUT SOME OF IT

NONETHELESS—NUMEROUS BELIEVERS ARE INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY SEVERELY MALIGNING OTHERS AND KILLING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE TRUE FAITH

مع ذلك العديد من المؤمنين المسلمين وداخليا وخارجيا
الخبیثة بشدة آخريں وقتل منهم في اسم القيمة

RIFLES TO THE HEAD—CASKETS TO THE GRAVE



HISTORY BEARS IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE TO THE LONG AND SHORT UNDER ISLAM

التاريخ يحمل أدلة دامغة لفترة طويلة وقصيرة في ظل الإسلام

For centuries upon centuries in Islam violence as an outreach tool has confronted the majority's desire to live in peace and use non-violent propaganda to proselytize

لعدة قرون على قرون في أعمال عنف الإسلام كأداة للتوعية واجهت رغبة الأغلبية في العيش في سلام واستخدام الدعاية غير عنيفة تبشيرا



ACROSS TIME HEADS IN ISLAM HAVE OFTEN ROLLED WITHOUT OUTSIDE PROVOCATION



- THE REALITY THAT THERE IS AND HISTORICALLY HAS BEEN AN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS CONFLICT REMAINS UNDENIABLE

وكان واقع أن هناك وتاريخيا
الصراع الديني الداخلي
والخارجي على أيدينا لا
يمكن إنكاره

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