



**Welcome to
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Review

WHY THEY HATE US

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2. Israel
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5. Decadence

WHY THEY HATE US

1. Shame

Shame: American cultural hegemony in the world - The tentacles of our culture ~ music, art, language ~ keep spreading and threatening indigenous cultures. Their kids want to be like our kids with the same freedoms. They fear that if they do not fight us, we will absorb them.

WHY THEY HATE US

1. Shame

West - influenced by Christianity - has developed **guilt-based** societies.

Arab nations are influenced by **shame**. The corollary of shame is "face" (Wajh). We have no equivalent in the West - loss of face brings into question the essence of one's self, family and tribe or clan.

Arabs (as a rule) are not self-reflective. In the West we 'confess' our sins - Arabs see this as weakness, as loss of face, as naive.

WHY THEY HATE US

1. Shame

To individuals from guilt-based societies, the person from a shame-based society seems **erratic, difficult to understand and predictable.**

conversely

To a shame-based individual, the guilt-based person appears **naive, preoccupied with inflexible and/or arbitrary rules, unsavvy, awkward and shallow in relationships.**

WHY THEY HATE US

2. Israel

**“America (support for Israel)
leads the crusade of the infidels”**

This language is heard daily in newspapers and broadcasts, frequently in government auspices, in large parts of the Muslim world. It is, for instance, the language of the main government newspaper in Egypt, a country that the U.S. supports with three billion dollars a year.

First Things, December 2001

WHY THEY HATE US

3. **New Boldness: Oil wealth, Numbers, and Osama bin Laden**

New boldness: Europe's population of 727 million will plummet to 556 million by the year 2050, requiring more than 3 million immigrants per year for the next 50 years if Europe is to remain economically stable. Such immigration will be, for the most part, from Islamic countries, thus profoundly transforming a continent that has been almost entirely Christian.

WHY THEY HATE US

Numbers - What Scares Europe

The birth rate among Muslims is among the highest in the world. For example, the birth rate in China is **1.8**, and in Japan it is **1.3** or **1.4**.

The Sub-Saharan Africa, and in most of the non-African Arab Middle East, it is high ... for example, in Saudi Arabia the birthrate is **5.8**, in Yemen it is **7.6**

WHY THEY HATE US

3. New Boldness: Oil wealth, Numbers, and Osama bin Laden

Osama bin Laden is something of a George Washington figure - standing up against the great Colonial Power of America.



"Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda's objective is not to get Americans out of Iraq but to control Saudi Arabia and its oil - and after that, the world."

Lee Kuan Yew, Minister Mentor of Singapore, Forbes, Oct. 17, 2005

WHY THEY HATE US

Hatred in Service to God

Lee Kuan Yew, Minister Mentor of Singapore, speaking of the attraction of Muslim youth in Singapore to terrorism:

"Joining the jihadists gave them a sense of belonging to a secret group embarked on a mission from which they could gain redemption by sacrificing themselves to avenge the oppression of Muslims everywhere."

Forbes, October 17, 2005

WHY THEY HATE US

4. Love - Hate Relationship with U.S.

Love-hate with U.S. ~ most every culture dominated by Islam is a dismal place to live. Witness high birth rates, low productivity, growing unemployment, and growing numbers of disaffected young people. While they are falling farther and farther behind the US, they are both attracted to us for our success and leery of us for our past dealings with Islam (Crusades, support of Saudi Arabia, etc.).

WHY THEY HATE US

5. Decadence

“They see the U.S. as a civilization without a culture, rich and comfortable, materially advanced, but soulless and artificial – assembled not grown, mechanical not organic, technological but without spirituality ... They see us as decadent.”

Bernard Lewis, [The Crisis in Islam](#)

WHY THEY HATE US

5. Decadence - Values

Richard W. Bulliet, a Middle Eastern Scholar (The Case for Islamo-Christian Civilization, 2004) makes a different case. According to Bulliet the basic conflict is not with values - but with the imposition of Western values on the Middle East. "Rather than attempts to change them, we should respect their values and thus build on the deep roots of Islamo-Christian civilization."

P.S. Bulliet sees the basic difference between these sibling cultures (Islamic and Christian) as a divergence in the 16th century - the Reformation separated the church and state; in Islam -- the Mosque and State are, in the minds of the traditionalist, one!

The Rise Of Terrorism Before 9-11

Iran Embassy Hostages, 1979

Beirut, Lebanon Embassy, 1983

Beirut, Lebanon Marine Barracks 1983

Lockerbie, Scotland Pan-Am flight to New York, 1988

First New York World Trade Center attack, 1993

Dhahran, Saudi Arabia Khobar Towers Military complex, 1996

Dares Salaam, Tanzania US Embassy, 1998

Nairobi, Kenya US Embassy, 1998

Aden, Yemen USS Cole, 2000

New York World Trade Center, 2001

Pentagon, 2001

Flight 93 Pennsylvania, 2001



The Rise Of Terrorism Before 9-11

**From 1981 to 2001
there were 7,581 terrorist attacks**

Attacks occurred during administrations of
Presidents Carter, Reagan,
Bush 1, Clinton, and Bush 2

**In each case, the attacks on the
US were carried out by Muslims.**

Fight and Kill?

"Fight and kill the disbelievers wherever you find them,
Take them captive. Torture them. Lie in wait and
ambush them using every stratum of war."

Qur'an 9.5 believed to be Allah's Sacred word

Bruce Feiler, an American writer, while researching his book Abraham: A Journey into the Heart of Three Faiths, met with the Imam of Al-Aksa Mosque, Sheikh Abu Sneina. The Imam stressed Islam's presumed perfection. In London-honed English, he told Feiler that "You must follow the last prophet" whom God has sent. Otherwise, "You'll die under God's blowtorch, just as millions of Jews had been "grilled alive" with divine sanction by Hitler ... the sad truth is that this Imam represents the mainstream of Islam."

The Muslim Brotherhood

- Founded in 1928, Egypt, by Hassan al-Banna - primary school teacher.



- Goal: "Reject all Western influence"
- Muslim Brotherhood spawned **Hamas** and influenced **al-Qaeda**
- **1990s renounced terrorism - still anti-Western**
- Current leader, Mohammed Mahdi Akef (spent 20 years in jail) rejects Israel's right to exist and called the U.S. a "Satan" that is out to control the Islamic world.

The Muslim Brotherhood

- April 7, 2005, blast in popular Cairo bazaar created backlash against violence.
- Muslim Brotherhood called the bombings "a cowardly attack" and called for "no extremism and no terrorism."
- bin Laden's second in command, **Ayman al-Zawahri**, was once a brotherhood member.
- Hamas and al-Qaeda are now the players.

Moderates: Same Goal, Different Means

“The only differences between Muslim **‘conservatives’** and misnamed **‘fundamentalists’** concern the methods to be applied, not the final objectives, which are the same: to rekindle the glory that was Islam under the prophet and his early successors”.

Serge Trifkovic, The Sword of the Prophet, page 204

The ‘BLOODY BORDERS OF ISLAM’

Indonesia – Muslims against Christians in East Timor – by 1989 Amnesty International estimated that Indonesia had murdered 200,000 East Timorese out of a population of 600,000 (Human Rights Watch gives the same estimate).

Nigeria – Muslims have fermented a brutal civil war in order to establish Sharia as the law of the land.

Israel – “For the Middle East to make peace with Israel would be to declare war on itself, to admit that its own fundamental way of doing business – not the Jews - makes it poor, sick and weak.”

John Neuhaus, First Things, April, 2001

Islamic Government A Dark Future



Sudan - Islamic regime in Khartoum joined Iran and later Afghanistan as the only countries to rule by the Islamic Sharia.

- A multi-religious, multi-racial, multi-lingual country became "reactionary."
- Public floggings and amputations came to Khartoum's stadium.
- Women's freedoms severely curtailed.
- Independent sectors of society were crushed.

Islamic Government Sudan - A Dark Future

In 1993, a "fatwa" declared a jihad against non-Muslims and justified mass killing or enslavement as a means of bringing Southern Sudan into the Dar al-Islam ("House of Islam").

April, 2005 peace accord in the south turned Khartoum's attention to the western region known as Darfur where President Bush has described their activity as "genocide."

In 15 years
2 million people have been killed;
4 million people have been displaced.

An Eyewitness to Islamic Horror

Brian Seidle, former U.S. Marine Captain, working with the African Union, documented the onslaught from September 2004 - February 2005. Before Congress, Seidle testified:

"Every day we saw villages of up to 20,000 inhabitants burned to the ground with nothing left but ash flames. ... We witnessed scores of dead bodies providing evidence of torture - arms bound, ears cut off, eyes plucked out, males castrated and left to bleed to death, children beaten to a pulp, people locked in their huts before being burned alive, with apparent executions."

JIHAD (striving or effort)

Closest English equivalent is 'crusade.'

Can also be moral or spiritual struggle – striving for God, striving to follow the Qur'an.

Qur'an – speaks of both spiritual and military jihad.

"For most of the fourteen centuries of recorded Muslim history, jihad was most commonly interpreted to mean armed struggle for the defense or advancement of Muslim power."

Bernard Lewis

Muslims see the world divided into two houses:

1. The House of Muslim

(in which Muslim governments rule according to Islamic law)

2. The House of War

(the rest of the world - ruled by infidels)

Presumption - Jihad will continue until all the world lives in the House of Muslim. Osama bin Laden's death will not end the war on terrorism!

The House of Muslim

"The aspiration of these radical Muslims is to make Islam the world's dominant religion. This kind of messianism and totalitarianism is almost incomprehensible in the West, with its long tradition of cherishing the life and liberty of every man, woman and child."

Mortimer B. Zuckerman, Editor, U.S. News & World Report, August 1, 2005

Many verses in Qur'an call for jihad and bringing people into the House of Muslim

- Must treat prisoners well
- Looting is forbidden
- God has forbidden the killing of women and children
- Muslims are bound by treaties provided they are lawful

The House of War

"If the fundamentalists are correct in their calculations and succeed in their war, then a dark future awaits the world, especially the part of it that embraces Islam."

Bernard Lewis

Going Forward

Muslim countries face the same long-term issues of authoritarianism, legitimacy, security and terrorism.

Secularists - Want to separate the Mosque from the State.

"There can be no compulsion in religion." (Qur'an 2.256)
Seek religiously pluralist state.

Islamic Reformers - Allah is All. State must be under God's domain (Shariah). Jihad.

Rejectionists - Believe that Islam is incompatible with democracy (includes both militant and moderate Muslims).

Islam Unveiled

The Sword of the Prophet

Serge Trifkovic, 2002

Islam Unveiled – Disturbing Questions About the World’s Fastest Growing Faith

Robert Spencer, 2001

The Trouble With Islam – A Muslim’s Call for Reform in Her Faith

Irshad Manji, 2003

Islam Unveiled

**They have been colonized
and they have been and are
a colonial power**

V.S. Naiphul studied the effects of Islam on non-Arab nations (Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, and Malaysia) and concluded:

“Islam is an Arab religion that makes imperial Arabizing demands on its converts. In this way it is more than a private faith, and it can become a neurosis.”

Islam Unveiled

Do Not Question

Professor, Suliman Bashear, suggested that "Islam developed as a religion gradually rather than emerging fully formed from the mouth of the Prophet." For this, his Muslim students at the University of Nablus in the West Bank threw him out of a second-story window.

Islam Unveiled, page 4

Salman Rushdie was sentenced to death for portraying Muhammed in the early days of Islam in an unflattering light.

Islam Unveiled Anti-Intellectualism

In 1966, Saudi Universities were allowed to teach the Copernican theory that the earth went around the sun – a battle fought by Christianity 300 years before.

Sword, page 247

Madressa..."I learned that if you're spiritual, you don't think. If you think, you're not spiritual."

Trouble with Islam, page 11

Islam Unveiled

Do Not Judge

“To admit any shame at the bloody exploits of Muslims or those who emulate them today would be to judge Muhammed. But in Muslim traditions, Muhammed cannot be judged; rather he is the standard by which all others are judged”.

Islam Unveiled, page 56

Satanic verses - some portions of Qur'an proved embarrassing for Muhammed in his day - defied heathen idols - later he removed them and said 'Satan tricked me to include them' - known as the Satanic Verses.

Islam Unveiled, page 46

Islam Unveiled Intolerance

Amnesty International reports that Saudi Arabia executed 5 homosexuals for 'deviant behavior.' (April 16, 2001)

Iran - since 1979 Islamic revolution - estimated that as many as 4,000 homosexuals have been executed.

Slavery - Muhammed owned slaves - **Qur'an** allows it. Problem in the Sudan is that Muslims are active in slave trade.

Islam Unveiled Women

Karen Armstrong believes that Islam is not inherently oppressive – Muhammed treated women with deference – but, as had happened in other cultures, Islam has become oppressive to women because of the prevailing patriarchy of the cultures in which it has taken root.

- Women routinely beaten...disfigured.

Islam Unveiled Women

If a family follows Islamic law to the letter, “a woman must have her husband's authorization to even venture outside her home”. The Prophet Muhammad said that if a wife leaves the house without her husband’s consent, “the angels curse her until she returns or repents.”

Islam Unveiled, page 80

Sura 4.3: “If you fear that you cannot treat orphans (orphan girls) with fairness, then you may marry other women who seem good to you: two, three, or four of them.”

Islam Unveiled Women and Shame

In Niger, a pregnant girl was sentenced to 180 lashes because she became pregnant outside of marriage. At the trial, 12 witnesses came forward and said that 3 men, friends of the father, raped her. The father testified on the men's behalf – father against daughter and 12 witnesses. The counsel held the father's word. The baby was born, she was beaten 40 days after the child's birth.

Islam Unveiled, page 25

Islam Unveiled Women and Shame

In Pakistan, every day two women die from 'honor killings' – (adultery, teen age pregnancy) – often they are sewn in burlap and drowned in family pool.

Islam Unveiled, page 28



Islam Unveiled Female Circumcision

Circumcision produced so as to restrain a woman's wanton nature. It is not indigenous to Islam as much as to the cultures - for example, it is not practiced in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Palestine, Turkey ... but in Egypt, Ethiopia, and the rest of East Africa it is justified on religious terms.

Trouble with Islam

Islam Unveiled - Summary

Colonialism
Anti-Intellectualism
Deep seated anti-Semitism
Uncritical acceptance of Qur'an
Squandering the gifts of women

"As I view it, the trouble with Islam is that lives are small and lies are big. Totalitarian impulses lurk in mainstream Islam."

Trouble with Islam, page 3

Next Week

ISLAM RAGE ...

**The Rise of
Militant Fundam...sm**

