

Quotes/Notes from Chasing A Mirage - The Tragic Illusion of An Islamic State by Tarak Fatah

Preface P. xv. Muslims of Pak live in an Islamic State while Muslims of India live in a state of Islam, who have few links or inclination towards the goal of international terrorism. On the other hand, the Muslims of Pak have become the recruiting ground for Al-Qaeda, not just on its own territory, but among its diaspora.

Pg. xvi. The Arabs were the first Muslims, and the rest of the Muslim world owes deeply to them. However, there is serious lack of reciprocity. -- The Arabs have contributed more than their share to human civilization(?)

Pg. xvii. The only Arabs who today vote w/o fear of reprisal live in Europe and N-America, yet the Islamist leaders among them dream of turning those countries into the very Islamic States they fled. -- When Pakistanis deny their Indianness, it is equivalent to the French denying their Europeaness. -- The book - The Murder of History by Prof. KK Aziz reveals that for 50 years Pakistanis have been fed myths disguised as truths.

Pg. xix. The debacle of Muslims in 13th century Iraq, 15th century Spain and 18th century India came about when extremists of that time tried to whip society in order.

Pg. 3. On April 4, 1979 Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the first elected PM of Pakistan was murdered in jail, and then was hanged dead to hide the murder. In Dec-2007 his daughter Benazir was assassinated by gunmen barely

9 feet from where her father was murdered in a jail cell. -- The Islamists targeted two politicians who wanted to build modern social democracy free from Islamic extremism.

Pg. 5. Hanged on Jan-18, in Sudan, for being an apostate, Mahamoud Taha (1909-85) was anything but a disbeliever. His arguments against turning Sudan into an Islamic State were rooted in Islamic tradition. -- However, as a co-founder of Sudanese Republican Party in Oct. '85, he was a rare advocate of liberal reform within Islam and Sudanese society.

Pg. 7. -- neither the Quran nor the Prophet asked Muslims to establish Islamic State. -- Jamaat-e-Islami party in India and Pak has connection w/ Muslim Brotherhood. They want to create Islamic State.

Pg. 8. Per Islamists (i.e. Wahhabis or Salafis) a country can be labeled an Islamic State only if it is governed by the law of Sharia.

Pg. 9. In 1947 Polish-born Muhammad Asad, grand son of a Jewish rabbi was invited to assist in writing of Pak's constitution.

Pg. 10. Ali Abdel al-Razik's ¹⁹²⁵ book - Al-Islam wa usul al-hukm - argues against the Islamic State and advocates the separation of religion and civil society. His books were burnt.

Pg. 11. In India Muhammad Iqbal opposed revival of caliphate and Islamic State.

Pg. 17. The rejection of the universality of human rights is not limited to the elites of the world's 56 Islamic countries, but is also widespread among the leaders of traditional Muslim org. 0-

Pg. 18. For the jihadi, the problem is the Western civilization itself, not what it does. -- [There are two Islams, peaceful and spiritual, and not spiritual]

- Pg. 20. Rawle, quoting Quran 4:83, 6:66, 6:107-7, 10:108, 17:54, 39:41, 42:48, 88:21-24, says the Quran confirms the Prophet had no interest in political sovereignty.
- Pg. 24. None matches the zeal with which Iran, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan mix Islam and politics to crush the human spirit.
- Pg. 25. The will of the Pakistanis has always been trampled to make way for the military and the mullahs.
- Pg. 27. At the Partition Jinnah said: 'Religion would leave nothing to do with the business of the state; it would be a matter of personal faith for individuals'. Within months Jinnah changed course and started speaking like a medieval Emir, rallying his country to come to the defense of Islam. Within a year Pak's first law minister, Jogendra Nath Mandal, a dalit Hindu, fled for his life and took refuge in India.
- Pg. 28. Jinnah revoked the authority of the Muslim League parliamentary group, and chose the country's new prime minister.
- Pg. 29. Sikhs were ethnically cleansed from Pakistani Punjab.
- Pg. 31. One week after swearing in his new PM and cabinet, Jinnah broke another sacred principle of democracy. He dismissed the duly elected provincial govt in NWFP. Nine months later he dismissed the govt of Sindh. Mere weeks before passing away he declared to the majority Bengali population that Bengali is not worthy of being a national language.
- Pg. 38. On Oct. 27, 1958 General Ayub Khan overthrew the president and declared himself as the new president. Democracy died that day in Pak.
- Pg. 39. Zia-ul-Haq accomplished the mixing of Islamist ideology and power to US regional interests, yet he is still the darling of the new anti-Islamists.
- Pg. 40. The million men and women who came out to greet former PM Benazir Bhutto, when she returned after 8 years of self-imposed exile, are a testament to the fact that the people of Pak reject Islamic extremism and yearn for a liberal progressive Islam.
- Pg. 41. The constitution of Pak segregates its citizens on the basis of religion, and provides preferential treatment to the Muslims. On March 24, 2007, Justice Ranee Bhagwandas, while being sworn in as acting chief justice of Pak, had to take his oath of office with a Quranic prayer. He suffered humiliation publicly.
- The Islamists in Pak's parliament in May 2007 introduced The Apostasy Bill which seeks to provide death sentence to any Muslim converting to other religions and imposes life imprisonment for females apostates.
- Pg. 42. Saudi textbooks teach hatred against Jews and Christians. Paki textbooks and teachings malign Hindus & Hinduism.
- On Aug. 11, 1947 the British protectorate of Baluchistan declared its independence. In March 1948 Pak army seized Baluchistan which lost in civil war.
- Pg. 43. Baluchistan accounts for nearly half of Pak's land mass, and is immensely rich in natural resources. Still it remains one of the poorest regions in Pak. And there is no Muslim outcry against these atrocities. Pak is a living testament of the bankrupt idea of an Islamic state. The Feb-18, 2008 election showed no confidence in the regime of Musharraf.
- Pg. 45. Islam is the cover under which a single family of sons, princes and princelings rule over conquered territory.

that is occupied by force, and kept under control by means of racism, terror, and torture.

Pg. 45. The al-Saud family and their Wahhabi allies until 1924 were rulers of the Sultanate of Nejd - not all the Arabia. Whether by international law or Islamic tradition, the invasion of Hejaz Hejaz by the Sultanate of Nejd was illegal, immoral, and un-Islamic and unjustified. The Muslims worldwide were horrified by the invasion.

Pg. 46. In 1802 the Wahhabis had invaded and ~~occupied Mecca and Medina~~ come down from the barren desert of Nejd, led by hordes of fanatic jihadis, and destroyed Mecca and Medina, killing and pillaging in the name of Islam. The Wahhabi ideology is a joyless, barren belief, so alien to the human spirit that it is even aversive to the sound of music, and considers clapping a call to Satan.

Pg. 48. In 1802, Saud Ibn Saud, attacked the Shia holy city of Karbala. The Wahhabis captured the city, destroyed the tomb of Hussain ibn Ali - the grandson of the Prophet, whom the Shia considered their imam - and carried out a massacre that shocked the conscience of the Muslim world.

Pg. 49. In 1804, the Wahhabis, led by Saud Ibn Saud, razed the tomb of the Prophet's daughter Fatima in Medina. The Wahhabism and Salafi movement was dead after 1815, but in less than a century they re-emerged. In India the Mughal Shah Waliullah stayed 14 months in Arabia, and on his return to Delhi in 1732, laid the foundation of what was to become Political Islam in the subcontinent. He now claimed to be of Arab origin.

Pg. 50. Waliullah invited the Afghan King Ahmad Shah Abdali to invade India. Abdali invaded India four times. His primary victims were Muslims of what is now Pakistan. Waliullah and his Wahhabi teachings led to the destruction of the very Muslim rule he had sought to save.

Pg. 51. The Wahhabis believe that visiting the graves and shrines of the Prophet and his family is a form of idolatry and punishable by death. Contempt for joy has been the hallmark of all Islamists.

Pg. 52. The Saudis plan to demolish the Prophet's 400-yr-old home in Mecca. By Nov. 2007, not a single Muslim country had dared utter a word in protest. Compare this to events in Dec. 1992, when 150,000 Hindu nationalists attacked a 16th-century mosque in Ayodhya, and thousands of Indians died in Hindu-Muslim riots. Saudi Arabia expressed anger at the destruction of the mosque. An eminent Saudi architect told London Independence newspaper: "the house where the Prophet received the word of God is gone and nobody cares... this is the end of history in Mecca and Medina and the end of their future."

Pg. 53. In the past two decades, 95% of Mecca's 100-yr old buildings have been demolished. The Prophet's mother Aminah bint Wahb's grave was bulldozed in Abwa and gasoline was poured on it. None of the thousands of petitions could stop it. Khadija's house was demolished to make way for public toilets.

Pg. 54. On Nov 20, 1979 an armed

Uprising by hundreds of jihadi fighters had taken place inside the Kaaba in the city of Mecca. The jihadi wanted to overthrow the Saudi regime. The BBC and VOA gave no news about it. 300 jihadi gunmen were holding 100,000 pilgrims hostage as gun battle raged thru the mosque's 1000 rooms and in its labyrinths.

Pg. 55. For two weeks the fighting continued in the holy Kaaba, the ragtag force-runners of Al-Qaeda could only be defeated when the Saudis asked the French to send their elite commandos who gassed the guerrillas into submission. The Saudis violated the most sacred place of Islam, yet the anger was directed at Israel and the USA. There appears to be not a single reference to this historic uprising of Mecca in any text book of history or political science anywhere in the Muslim world.

Pg. 63. In Nov. 1979, the new constitution of the Islamic Republic was passed by a referendum (in Iran). Khomeini instituted himself as the Supreme Leader. All of a sudden a revolution that was supposed to bring in a new age for Iran was turning full circle and heading back to medieval times.

Pg. 64. 30,000 were ordered to be killed by the mullahs in the Summer of 1988. Samir Amin has said: 'Once in power, an Islamic govt immediately abolishes any form of legal political opposition'. As the Shah fled in 1979, all in the world hoped the revolution would bring freedom of speech and press. It did not happen.

Pg. 65. More than three million have fled Iran in the past two decades.

Pg. 65. Iran is not a reflection of Islam and the Prophet's traditions, but an autocracy as vulgar in its self-righteous claim to power as the Saudi royal family. A country floating on an ocean of oil has managed to increase absolute poverty.

- ~~Kazemi, Zahra~~ Zahra Kazemi was an Iranian-Canadian free lance photo-grapher.

On June 23, 2003 she was arrested in front of Tehran's infamous Evin prison while taking pictures of demonstrators demanding the freedom of activists students jailed in prison. Nothing was heard from her until 19 days later, when Iranian authorities announced she had died in custody after an accident. The fact is she was raped and tortured, and had died as a result of beatings to her head that caused a fracture in her skull. Her torture and death caused little passion among the Muslims outside the Iranian Canadian community. Is this the Islamic State that Islamists yearn for?

Pg. 66. Few people know that the pursuit of the Supreme Leader is close to any Iranian who is not of Arab ancestry, that wear black ~~turbans~~ turbans, which is not allowed for Persian clergy. Only the Seyed (descendants of Fatima and her husband Ali Ibn Abu Talib) can rule the country as its supreme commander.

Pg. 71. No other cause brings Palestinians together than like the cause of Palestine.

Pg. 72. The Palestine struggle for nationhood was (is?) hijacked by the Islamists. Instead of a resistance movement to end the Israeli occupation of Palestine land, the Islamists turned it into a war to wipe out the Jews.

Pg. 75. The hatred of the Islamists and the Marxists can only give birth to an ugly monster.

- Pg. 78. Samir Amin, the Egyptian Marxist, clarified that Political Islam "is not a 'liberation theology'. It is the adversary to of liberation theology. It advocates submission, not emancipation."
- Pg. 87. The fakehood Muslims have been fed force-feeding are not only about facts but about early Islamic history.
- Pg. 88. The militant terrorist org. Sepah-e-Sahaba (Soldiers of the Companions) has been created solely with the objective of liquidating those who raise questions about these "companions" of the Prophet. -- Within hours of Muhammad's death, tribalism was invoked and racial identity was used to consolidate power and sideline opponents. [Tarek Fatah wishes to demonstrate that when Muslims buried the Prophet, they also buried with him many of the universal values of Islam that he had preached.
- Pg. 89. The numerals developed by Hindu mathematicians, across the pages of every Quran in the Muslim world.
- Pg. 90. Muhammad would have been traumatized to see that immediately after his death his companions started feeding over power, at times with swords ^{home-}unsheathed, and even threatened to burn down his daughter Fatima's ~~house~~ home. -- Even today, power is rarely handed over in the Muslim world w/o bloodshed.
- Pg. 91. How Muslims should govern and who should govern them are the questions still define conflicts that pits Muslims against Muslims even today. -- According to Iranian scholar Ali Dashti, early Islamic conflicts happened because "ambition for the leadership replaced zeal for the religion as the pivotal motive." This book - Twenty-three Years in Banned in Iran He wrote: "The study of the history of Islam shows it to be a sequence of struggles for power in which the contestants treated the religion as the means, not as an end."
- Pg. 92. Two months before passing away, the Prophet said to the masses in Mecca: "Neither infert, nor suffer inequality."
- Pg. 93. To this day, Muslims are subject to laws God never authorized either in Quran or through the Prophet.
- Pg. 94. The first dynasty of Islam, the Umayyads of Damascus, arose only after the blood of Muhammad's own family had been shed. -- If the political system introduced during the Golden Period of Islam by the four Rightly Guided Caliphs resulted in the assassination of three of them, triggered civil wars, led to recessionist conflict, and caused the slaughter of the Prophet's family - who were left starving and thirsty on the plains of Karbala in Iraq - surely that system cannot be seen today as the model for tomorrow.
- Pg. 96. Despite the Prophet's direct order to move towards Syria, the Army (whose Commander was Zayd, an Ethiopian ~~at~~ back), remained camped on the outskirts of Medina. This refusal to follow a direct order was unprecedented.
- Makila mean guardian.
- Pg. 97. The prophet has said: "O Allah! Love him (Ali) who loves him, and hate him who hates him." -- Tarek Fatah believes Muslims contributed immensely to human civilization.

- Pg. 99. Umar perceived the Prophet being in coma, from which he believed he would soon emerge. He then went to the mosque and started proclaiming at the top of his voice that Muhammad had absented himself but would soon return. He threatened to cut off arms and legs of anyone who perpetuated false rumours of the Prophet's death.
- Pg. 101. After the Prophet's death, her daughter Fatima lost her inheritance, her husband Ali, and two sons Hassan and Husain were killed by Muslims.
- Pg. 103. Abu-Bakr told the gathering: "The Arabs do not and will not recognize any sovereignty unless it belongs to the tribe of Quraysh. -- None used Quran to settle the power struggle that started after the Prophet died."
- Pg. 109. The disinheritance (by Abu-Bakr) of the daughter of the Prophet of Islam would set the precedent of treating women as 2nd class Muslims.
- Pg. 110. Neither the Quran nor the Prophet has said Muslims to establish ~~an~~ a State of Islam an Islamic State.
- Pg. 111. The Iranian scholar Ali Dashti writes that the pre-Islam Arabs used to boast about the superiority of the tribe, clan or genealogy over those of others. Their claim of superiority were not based on virtues and graces, but on proven in killing, plundering, and abducting other men's ~~women~~ women. Islam negated this concept.
- Pg. 112. The first four Caliphs are: Abu-Bakr (d. 634), Umar (d. 644), Uthman (d. 656) and Ali (d. 661). Sunnis hold all four in the highest esteem, but Shias consider the first three as essentially usurpers of the caliphate.
- Pg. 113. Even on his deathbed, Ali refused to name his son Hassan as his successor.
- Pg. 114. The Prophet left no direction to Muslims as to how power should be transferred after his death -- the fact that secular democratic societies like India and Canada take away the power of the clergy to determine public policy is a frightening thought for Islamists and their radicals.
- Pg. 116. Once the ~~Quraysh~~ Quraysh Arabs were defined as the chosen people, the slippery slope of racism led Muslims to its logical extreme - racism directed against African Blacks. -- After taking command as the caliph, Abu Bakr said, "O people I have been given authority over you; yet I am not the best of you. If I do good, assist me, but if I err, then you must set me straight. Having said that, he did not hesitate in ordering the Arab tribes in the hinterland of Arabia to submit to his rule or face him in battle. And many a battle he had to fight."
- Pg. 117. To this day, all the five major schools of Islamic jurisprudence agree that a Muslim who abandons Islam must be executed - beheaded. However, Quran does not sanction death upon those who ~~at~~ quit Islam.
- Pg. 118. The tribes in Oman, Yemen, Bahrain and Mahra remained Muslims but broke ties with Abu-Bakr.

- Pg. 118. Quran says: "There is no compulsion and coercion in the matter of religion." [But Abu-Baker did force submission to him, which is interpreted as submission to Islam.]
- Pg. 119. Islam was spread by sword and also by word of mouth.
- Pg. 120. At the time of Abu Baker, most states and dynasties in the region were governed by the might of the sword and a lack of accountability to the ordinary citizens.
- Pg. 121. The sultans and caliphs who held power in the past, and the tyrant kings, ayatollahs, and generals who ruled Muslim countries today, have all merged politics and Islam to justify their oppression. Only Indonesia, Malaysia, Turkey and Mali have escaped this toxic cocktail. - Islam did result in the creation of the caliphate, but the caliphate is not an ingredient of the faith.
- Pg. 122. Abu-Baker lived a life of humility and ensured that wealth acquired through war booty was divided equally among the community. - He arbitrarily decided that Umar would be the next caliph.
- Pg. 123. Within 10 years Umar defeated Byzantines and Persians. The Muslim population grew to hundreds of thousands.
- Pg. 125. What Umar conceived as a hierarchy of respect and honor among the Prophet's companions would soon become the basis of institutional discrimination that still vibrates in the Muslim psyche. [Umar's charity during a drought was discriminatory based on ~~poverty~~ ^{piety} level.]
* family lineage and tribe. -- Shura means Consultative Council to ~~determine~~ determine a successor.
- Pg. 126. Umar's Shura Council did not survive in Islamic history, but another tradition, his murder in a mosque did survive. All the remaining caliphs were assassinated.
- Pg. 127. Umar also introduced punishments that had no sanctions in the Quran.
- Pg. 128. The Prophet had sanctioned the practice of Mut'ah (contract wife). Anyone can marry for a handful of dates and separate after three nights. Umar ~~ban~~ banned Mut'ah. -- A Persian slave killed Umar.
- Pg. 129. Collective punishment based on ethnicity and religion was emerging, yet nothing was done to stamp it out. Despite Ali's demand that Ubayd Allah face justice for committing murder, the new caliph, Uthman, pardoned him.
- Pg. 131. While Muhammad stressed emphasizing the equality of all Muslims, his caliphs could not resist the temptation of falling back to tribalism and invoking the pagan Arab tradition of family lineage, instead of Quranic injunction of merit, as a measure of human equality.

- Pg. 133. [Two parties emerged: Shia Uthman, and Shia Ali] From the outset, Uthman's decision to elevate himself as the Khalifat Allah, Caliph of God, and to sit higher in stature than his two predecessors, created rifts in the community.
- Pg. 134. Uthman is on record as the first caliph to invoke the Quran to stifle opposition. Quoting the sura that says, "O you that believe, obey God and the Prophet and those in authority among you." For centuries, ~~tyrants~~ tyrants in Muslim lands would invoke the same verse to stifle opposition and to sentence rebels to prison, exile, and at times, beheading.
- Pg. 137. Unfortunately, Muslims continue to be taught that the blame for their failures lies not within themselves, but elsewhere, - "Jews passing as Muslims."
- Pg. 138. Ali did not force anyone to submit to his rule - he was ~~the~~ ^{the} first of the caliphs to have had his ascension ~~to submit~~ validated in a mass meeting w/o coercion or threats.
- Pg. 139. Ali was determined to put the concept of merit and piety above that of tribe and family.
- Pg. 140. Mecca was in open revolt (against Ali's nomination of governor), and Ali's old nemesis, Aisha, was the flag-bearer of the rebellion. [When Aisha had a blame for adultery with a slave, Ali ~~as~~ had recommended Mohammed to divorce her. Then the Prophet got a ~~revelation~~ revelation that said one needs four witnesses to blame someone of adultery.]
- Pg. 141. The first civil war among the Muslims (between Aisha & Ali) started on 8 Dec. 656. Aisha got defeat & surrendered to Ali.
- Pg. 145. The tradition of invoking the Quran as an arbiter is still used in the Islamic world, especially as a means to derail or to avoid discussing the merits of the case.
- Pg. 146. Ali's allies killed him. On Jan. 26, 661 the killer hit Ali's head with a poisoned sword, and yelled, "Almighty Authority belongs to God, ~~Ali~~ Ali, not to you."
- Pg. 148. To the Agha Khan and his followers (Imamitis), faith is a sword to action, not to be worn on their sleeves. They aspire to be Islamic State, yet live in a state of Islam.
- Pg. 149. The Sunni doctrine bans descendants of the Prophet's family from assuming the political leadership of the Muslims.
- Pg. 150. Ali believed the leadership of the Muslims should always remain in the family of the Prophet.

- Pg. 153. As if the brutal killing of the Prophet's family at the hands of fellow Muslims were not enough, the Holy Kaaba in Mecca - the House of God and the first mosque of Islam - was reduced to ashes.
- Pg. 154. One of the ironies of the Islamic history is that the men who tormented Muhammad most in his efforts to introduce Islam (and monotheism) to the pagan Arabs would rise to inherit his faith in his name.
- Pg. 155 - When Umayyads were in power (661 to 750), non-Arabs converted to Islam, whatever their previous social status, were treated as second-class citizens (mawali). The Arabs rulers imposed jaziya on non-Arab Muslims. Non-Arab Muslims felt that they were the slaves of the Arabs. During the time of Hajjaj bin Yussuf, non-Arabs were barred from leading prayers.
- Pg. 156. When Umayyad armies occupied Sindh, there are accounts of Sindh Muslim converts being asked to pay jaziya, the tax imposed on non-Muslims. The first enslavement of Indians took place during the permanent occupation of towns on the Mekran coast of Baluchistan during the reign of Muawiyah - the first Umayyad caliph. The 9th-century Persian historian Al-Isma'ili Ibn Yahya al-Baladhuri writes in his book - Kitab Futuh al-Buldan (The origin of the Islamic state) about the atrocities / barbarity of Muhammad bin Qasim when he invaded Sindh.
- Pg. 159. Cursing Ali became a regular part of Islamic prayer. Right in front of the grave of the Prophet and in the presence of Ali's sons and grandsons - children, Ali was cursed and the Prophet's relatives were vilified.
- Pg. 165. In Kufa ^{in 680} Muslim bin Aqil was betrayed by the very family who had given him sanctuary. What followed was the slaughter of the Prophet's progeny in the name of Islam. Both Muslim and Hani were beheaded, their bodies thrown into the meat market of the town and dragged through the streets in a scene that would be repeated throughout Islamic history.
- Pg. 166. In Kufa Muslims had slaughtered the family of Muhammad and that too in the name of "Caliph of Allah". The beheaded bodies were buried in Karbala, but the heads were placed on poles and distributed among the various tribes as reward for their loyalty to the Umayyad Caliphate. Why on earth are the Islamists calling these bloody and chilling massacres a "golden age" to which all humanity should revert?
- Pg. 169. [The Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem built by Abd al-Malik is a alternative for Kaaba for the Syrian Muslims.]
- Pg. 170. In Hisham's period (724-43) the Umayyad dynasty collapsed, the entire royal family was hunted down and killed except for one of Hisham's grandsons.

Graves of Umayyad nobles were dug out and the bodies desecrated.

Pg. 171. Umayyad caliphate fits the "Jihad State" label.

Pg. 174. ^{At the end of 12th century} The Jews and Christians (of Cordoba, Seville) were given two choices (by the invaded Almohads, the Muslim fanatics of North AFRICA): convert to Islam or move to the Christian territories in the north.
[To Spain the Muslims call it Andalusia]

Pg. 176. Within months of landing in Spain, Tariq ibn Ziyad's army swept through the countryside, and on July 19, 711 he came face to face with King Rodrigo, who was defeated at the battle of Guadalete.

Pg. 177. Caliph al-Walid in Damascus had ordered his general in India, Muhammad bin Qasim, to be sent back - in a sack.

Pg. 180. Pope Innocent II launched the Albigensian Crusade against a sect of Christians in the south of France, the Cathari. What bothered the Vatican authorities was their belief in re-incarnation and practices that mirrored Hinduism and Zoroastrian faith. When asked how to distinguish between devout Catholics and heretic Cathari, the papal legate Abbot Arnold Amary declared: "Kill them all. God will recognize His own." 20,000 Christians were slaughtered by Christians. The massacre continued for 40 years.

Pg. 180. When the last Muslim kingdom fell to the Spanish Christian forces, the Inquisition imposed a new order: All Muslims and Jews were forced to convert to Catholicism, leave Spain, or face death.

Pg. 199. The Umayyads had destroyed the mighty Persian Empire. - Within months in 750 the Umayyads would be literally exterminated from the face of Earth and the Abbasids would assume power in Damascus. Abbasids embraced the occupied people's knowledge and included them in decision-making structure.

Pg. 200. The Persian nationalism is so different from Arab nationalism. It's essentially anti-Arabian and tries to distance itself from Islam.

Pg. 201. Within Arab society, the Banu Hashim vs. Banu Umayya feud became a Shia Uthman vs. Shia Ali divider.

Pg. 202. The Abbasid caliph sent out the message that all Umayyads were welcome to a grand reconciliation dinner party. Except for Abd al-Rahman, they all fell for the lure and were slaughtered as they sat down to eat dinner. Even as the dead were and wounded were bleeding on the floor of the caliph's court, Abd al-Abbas ordered that the dinner be served and revelries of the victorious continued amid the groans of the dying.

- Pg. 203. Caliph Abul-Abbas died of Smallpox on June 10, 754. He had appointed his brother Abu Jaffer Mansoor as his successor, -- who knew that to be an effective and respected ruler of Muslim domains, he needed control over his military, which were largely in the hands of Abu Muslim.
- Pg. 204. In Feb. 755 Mansoor invited Abu Muslim to dinner. After leaving Abu Muslim to his court the Caliph clapped his hands, and in an instant, the palace guard snatched the unsuspecting general and beheaded him. -- Mansoor set forth to plan the most beautiful city on earth -- Baghdad.
- Pg. 208. In all the human history, no other religious community (than Muslim) has presided over the annihilation of its own Prophet's family. -- No school textbooks in Pakistan recognizes this historic act of hospitality by a Hindu ruler in Sindh who gave sanctuary to escaping descendants of the Prophet. -- Abdul Uthar was hunted down by Mansoor and killed on the banks of the river Indus, his Sindhi wife, daughter of a Hindu king, was captured and taken away to Medina.
- Pg. 210. The last surviving Umayyad, Abdul-Rahman I, had taken control over al-Andalus, when Mansoor (from Baghdad) sent his emissaries to exert control over al-Andalus, Abdul-Rahman sent their heads back, embalmed in salt and camphor, with their names tagged on their ears. -- In the 21st century, Muslim youth in the West (incorrectly) believe there always was a single caliphate that unravelled due to European Christian mechanizations of the 19th and 20th centuries.
- Pg. 211. Caliph Musa Hadi (son of Caliph Mehdi) was murdered at the request of his own mother, so that dynastic Haroon Al Rashid could take the throne.
- Pg. 212. Persians in 21st century hang guys from cranes in soccer stadiums. But in Bara and Iran of the ^{3rd} poet Abu Nuwas' days was a city of tolerance & pluralism.
- Pg. 214. The (positive) impact India had on Abbasid Islam has gone largely unnoticed. Sharia was created and hadith compiled during 700-900.
- Pg. 215. Abu Hanifah developed most widely accepted Sunni school of thought. In 763, Caliph Mansoor offered him the position of chief judge of the state. When he declined the offer, the Caliph had him locked up in prison till he died. -- Imam Malik (715-96) was the founder of Maliki school of thought. -- Ahmad ibn Hanbal (780-855) founded the Hanbali school of thought. -- The rationalist Mutazalites relied on reason and logic for their interpretation rather than dogma. A debate between them and traditionalists is known as the trial of "the creation of Quran."
- Pg. 216. Caliph Mamoon had all his jurists from rationalist camp, who interrogated all scholars. Whoever opposed Mutazalites was jailed. -- A new caliph Mutawakkil turned against the Mutazalites, ~~for~~ purged them from courts and issued an order that all Mutazalite judges be cursed by name from mosque pulpits.

Pg. 217. Tarek Fatah has below questions for the Islamists:

- If in the 8th century Muslims could vigorously debate an issue as sensitive as the creation of Quran, why cannot the Muslims do it today?
 - If Islamists would have the Muslims believe that the models the Muslims have to implement for future can only be derived from the era of the Abbasids, how do the Muslims explain why all five imams that the Muslims have come to follow were tortured, jailed, or even killed in the name of Islam itself?
 - If the model being proposed involved the extermination of Islamdom's entire national movement, the Mutazalites, what room would there be for those who challenge established mythology? an Abu Nawas?
 - Would there be room for ~~Abu~~ Adonis, or Faiz Ahmad Faiz, let alone,
- Pg. 117. Despite the urging of the Prophet slavery flourished through out Islamic history and across the Muslim world. All the Muslim ~~sets~~ sects agreed on slavery.

Pg. 218. When Caliph Harun Rashid found Jafar had off affairs with his (Rashid's) sister, ^{Abbas} Rashid got Jafar, Abbas, and their son killed at different times. Following the Caliph Aurangzeb in India threw his own sister over the walls of the Delhi's Red Fort for the crime of falling in love with a commoner.

Pg. 220. Polygamy, more than any other Islamic institution, caused immense ^(cf. 748) grief to Islamic rulers, let alone to the women involved. - Wazir ibn Ata and his followers argued that as long as a sinner (criminal) accepted the unity of God (tawheed) and Muhammad as the messenger of God, such a person cannot be cast aside as an infidel. They called themselves Ahl al-tawheed wa al-adi (People of the Divine Unity and Justice).

Pg. 221. In Indonesia the modernist scholar Harun Nanton began writing about rationalism in Islam in the 1970s.

Pg. 222. The main challenge to Mutazalites thought came from Ashari theology, that states that man cannot comprehend God completely. The views of Asharites are similar to the Hindus who believe God has a specific form.

Pg. 224. In India it was not uncommon for Muslim rulers to kill their prisoners by having them tormented around by trained elephants that had sharpened double-edged swords fixed to their tusks. Golden age? Not even close, by the standard of any age.

Pg. 227. In 874 in Shia Iraq 11th Caliph Hasan al-Askari died, and his 5 yr old son Muhammad al-Mahdi went in hiding. The Shias believed then and even now that this divine child, whom they considered "12th imam" would one day return as the messiah. And until he does, they could not give allegiance to any of the Abbasid Caliphs.

Pg. 228: In 1009, the Fatimid caliph, al-Hakim bin-Amr Allah, ordered the church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem destroyed. Even though his successor in 1039 permitted the Byzantine Empire to rebuild the church, on Friday, July 15, 1099 the city of Jerusalem fell after a 40-day siege by the Crusaders. For two days the Europeans slaughtered citizens, until no Muslim was left alive. The Jews were surrounded in their quarter, which was set alight, to die en masse in inferno.

Pg. 234: "The great scholars of Islam were often endangered not by Mongol hordes or infidel Christians, but instead, by home grown religious orthodoxy."
— Prof. Pervez Hudaib, at MIT. He identifies five great heretics, which are: mathematician Al Kindi (801-73); physician Abu Razi (865-925); Aristotelian jurist Ibn-Rushd or Averroes (1126-98); physician Ibn Sina, or Avicenna (980-1037); and the father of the study of history, Ibn Khaldun (1332-1406).

Pg. 240. Two samples of Sharia law: 1) The head of Islamic state cannot be punished under Islam's Hudud laws that govern acts of murder, rape, and thievery. 2) If the husband's body is covered with pus and blood, and if the wife licks and drinks it, her obligation to her husband will still not be fulfilled.

Pg. 248. Even the victims of Sharia law have been brainwashed into believing that their suffering is a stepping stone towards pleasing God. The author Hasan Mahmud describes this phenomenon as something akin to Stockholm Syndrome, in which the hostage starts to admire the captors.

Pg. 249. The debate in Canada (on Sharia) demonstrated that most Muslims opposed Sharia. — [Sharia laws are often in conflict with the laws of non-Muslim democracies.] Most of the Sharia laws are the work of ordinary mortals, and have never been debated in any parliament, nor would they ever be put to scrutiny.

Pg. 250. "Except for Quran, sources of Sharia are human." — Tariq Fatah
The compilations of the sayings of the Prophet are recorded in period (80-90). Since Islam does not move more than 200 years after the death of the Apostle... Since Islam does not allow the dynastic rule of kings, the caliphs first created Sharia laws during (700-850) time to give Islamic legitimacy to their unIslamic rule. Then from 800 to 900, the books on the hadith, the Prophet's examples, were written to legitimize Sharia as Islamic law.

Pg. 251. The very existence of not one but five Sharias, with contradictions and variations among them, proves that there are not God's law but human endeavours. Sharia laws include seven hudud laws, such as stoning to death and cutting off a thief's hands. Islamists have declared that these laws are beyond human capacity for any change.

Pg. 252. Sharia has become the governing tool of Political Islam, founded by Abu Ala Maudoodi who has said: "Islam wishes to destroy all states and gov'ts anywhere on the face of the earth which are opposing to the ideology and program of Islam -- If the Muslim party commands adequate resources, it will eliminate un-Islamic gov'ts and establishments, the power of Islamic gov'ts in their stead."

Pg. 254. Sharia violates Articles 1, 2, 7, 16 and 18 of the UN declaration of human rights. -- The autocratic and authoritarian nature of Sharia violates Quran, which clearly declares that the responsibility of prophets was not to govern, but only to deliver God's message. --

"The question(s) are: Why did Quran not finalize the process of establishing full human rights? Why didn't it explicitly abolish slavery? [To these questions Tarek Ratah guesses answers that are no fault in God or in Quran or in the vision of the Prophet.]

Pg. 255. Quran has 6326 verses revealed to M over 23 years, which were compiled by Caliph Uthman based on verse size. The only other compilation of Quran is by Amirul Mumeen (Ali ibn Abu Talib, the Prophet's cousin and son-in-law), which remains concealed with the Imams to this day.]

Pg. 258. The promoters of Sharia banking are Islamists, and their target is to control the Muslim population, and segregate them from the rest of the world.

Pg. 261. Muhammad Salew has labeled the Sharia banking practice as nothing more than deception. His book is - \$300 Billion Deception: Islam bans usury (interest above the legal or social acceptable rate), not interest.

Pg. 264. The Sharia banking charade is a real indictment of the Muslim community. Islamic banking is not some resurrection from a golden period -- it is a 20th-century creation that flies in the face of reason, logic, and spirit of Islam. -- All laws that have come from outside the realm of democratically elected parliaments cannot be called laws. -- Iranian physicist philosopher Ali Shari'ati (1933-77) argued that there are two types of Islam that have faced each other throughout the Islamic history: "the degenerate and narcotizing religion", and the other "the progressive and awakening religion".

Pg. 266. In Tripoli in 1785 Thomas Jefferson and John Adams learned this: The caliphs and sultans considered (and still consider) their rule to be a God-given trusteeship, with an obligation to conduct first dawah (invite kafirs to convert) and (if they refuse) jihad (force conversion or kill). -- In 18th century North African Muslim states had navy which facilitated undocumented slave trade - white men enslaved to work in Africa.

- Pg. 267. Ottoman's rep. ambassador al-Ajan told the two Americans (Jefferson and Adams): "It was written in Koran, that all nations who should not have acknowledged their [Muslims'] authority were sinners, that it was their [Muslims'] right and duty to make war upon whomever they could find and make slaves of all they could take as prisoners, and that every Mussulman who should be slain would surely go to paradise."
- Pg. 269. The 20th century scholars Hassan al-Banna, Syed Qutb and Abdul Ala Maudoodi are the intellectual gurus of all Islamist organizations in the West.
- Pg. 270. The jihadists use following Quran verse to justify their jihad:
 "But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the Pagans, wherever you find them. And seize them, beleaguer them, and lie and wait for them in every stratagem (of war). But if they repent and establish regular prayer and practice regular charity, then open the way for them: For God is oft-forgiving, Most Merciful."
 [This is like using Winston Churchill's wartime speeches as a call to wage war on Germany today.] -- More than the Quran, it is the hadith literature that incites radicals to fight in the name of Allah as the highest form of worship. -- 9th century al-Bukhari invokes the Quran 9:111 to explain jihad. -- If the so called lesser jihad is an act of defensive war, then how the Muslims explain the Muslim invasion of Egypt and Persia by the early caliphs when neither of these countries was posing any military threat to the nascent Muslim community in Arabia?
- Pg. 271. Why the jihadists do not say: "There is no need for jihad in 21st century because dawah can be done w/o waging war ^{using} internet."
- Pg. 272. Pakistan's supreme court sharia judge Muhammad Taqi Usmani declared in London Times interview in 2007 that Muslims should wage military jihad "to establish the supremacy of Islam" worldwide.
- Pg. 274. Quran or Hadith do not support becoming martyr by suicide bombing. Maudoodi says: "One who avoids jihad is a sinner. His every claim of being a Muslim is doubtful."
- Pg. 276. The booklet Call to Jihad by the founder of Jamaat-e-Islami is sold in most Islamic bookstores in North America, and is distributed by Muslims youth orgs on campuses.
- Pg. 277. "The basis of the message [Islam] is that one should accept the Sharia w/o any question and reject all other laws in any shape or form. This is Islam." -- Following every terrorist attack there are public demonstrations from the very people who support jihad.

- Pg. 279. "My country (Canada) is not a peeking lot and neither is it a port of convenience. It is my adopted home and I am not willing to let it decay at the hands of parasites." - Tanek Fatah
- Pg. 281. Millions of Muslim girls are told very early in life by their mothers that their place in society is one of submission; submission not to God, but to man. No other institution confers this status of submission and possession more than hijab - the two-meter-long cloth that today stands as the universal defining symbol of Islam.
- Pg. 283. Even under the harshest interpretation of sharia, Muslim girls below the age of puberty are not required to cover their heads.
- Pg. 286. The people responsible for creating the climate were victims of rape fear reporting it are doing more damage to the Muslim community than the rich men who rape helpless young women. These are the imams and sheikhs ~~who~~ who have perpetuated the myth that a woman is essentially the source of all sin.
- Pg. 288. Quran chapter 4, verse 24 gives Maudoodi the liberty to institutionalize sex slavery and the treatment of women as commodities that can be bought and sold. Maudoodi also writes: "The propriety rights over a slave, male or female, as given to a person by the Gov't, are transferable, like all other proprietary rights."
- Pg. 290. [Female author Lehek Bekhtiar interpreted Quran ch. 4, Verse 34 positively, the verse that deals with how to treat a disobedient woman. She says the Arabic word idrit has 26 meanings including "to beat". Her complete translation of Quran was/is banned from bookstores.]
- Pg. 291. The Lebanese scholar Nazira Zain al-Din argues that self-control is far better a moral standard than the practice of draping women from head to toe.
- Pg. 292. Feminist Farzana Hanan is the author of - Islam, Women and Challenges of Today -. For speaking her mind, she has received death threats and accusations that she is an enemy of Islam, an apostate deserving death.
- Pg. 296. The Islamists believe that the laws created by mere mortals - Congress and parliament - are not applicable to Muslims, but when it comes to hijab then many Muslim women mistakenly believe that (and are told by men) that it was God who wrote the law on head coverings.
- Pg. 297. [Tanek says that Quran does not force hijab on women, so the women are free to wear or not wear it, but they have right to wear it, so a country should not ban hijab. If he says that no one should force women to wear or not wear hijab.]

- Pg. 301. There is a relentless and continuous attack by Islamists on all aspects of spontaneous happiness and merriment.
- Pg. 301. There is not a single word in Quran against music. In his 1377 classic, *The Mughaddimah*, Ibn Khaldun saw the disappearance of music from a community is one of the signs of its decline.
- Pg. 307. Saudi Prince Al-Wahid Bin Talal came up with \$500,000 donation soon after 9/11 "in order to defend Islam in the American society."
- Pg. 308. [Saudi Arabia and UAE arrest funding Islamic Org. such as CAIR to promote Islam in the West.] - Dubai is a city built by Indo-Pakistani workers living in near-slave like conditions, and it is teeming with prostitutes from Central Asia in brothels run by the Russian mafia. 85% of the population is and immigrants and new arrivals and are treated as 3d class people with absolute no citizenship rights.
- Pg. 309. 80% of Dubai population is construction workers - Indians or Pakis - who never are treated like a human. They work 12 hrs a day w/ half an hr break and earn \$150 a month. They have no rights. Trade unions are banned. Any one who speaks up is instantly deported.
- Pg. 312. Islamists have dropped themselves in the gap of multiculturalism and diversity to position their agenda as mainstream. Hypocrisy.
- Pg. 313. (Therons) unlikely alliance between conservative Muslim Orgs and progressive liberal movement - two sets of ideologies that are diametrically opposed on every social issue, but they are now, since 9/11, bedfellows - Orgs like MSA are well-oiled foreign-inspired, politically driven machines that have their hooks in every corner of Western society. There are more than 200 MSAs in USA & Canada. MSA and its partner ISNA have been closely associated w/ Saudi Arabia as far back as the 1960s. MSA has played a major role in spreading Wahhabism.
- Pg. 319. ~~Liberal~~ Citibank helped create the Islamic banking system that would become the financial foundation of violent anti-Western Islamism.
- Pg. 321. For Islamists, no law made by parliamentarians are acceptable unless they are scrutinized and vetted by self-appointed Islamic scholars.
- Pg. 322. For Muslims, the door of debate are shut by the cement of orthodoxy.
- Pg. 328. Iran and Saudi Arabia lead the way in falsifying history and encouraging hatred of - Hindus very early in school life.

Pg. 329. Islamic scholar Sheikh Hamza of CA told to The Guardian newspaper
a month after 9/11: "I would say them [Muslims of the West] that if they
are going to rant and rave about the West, they should immigrate to
a Muslim country."

