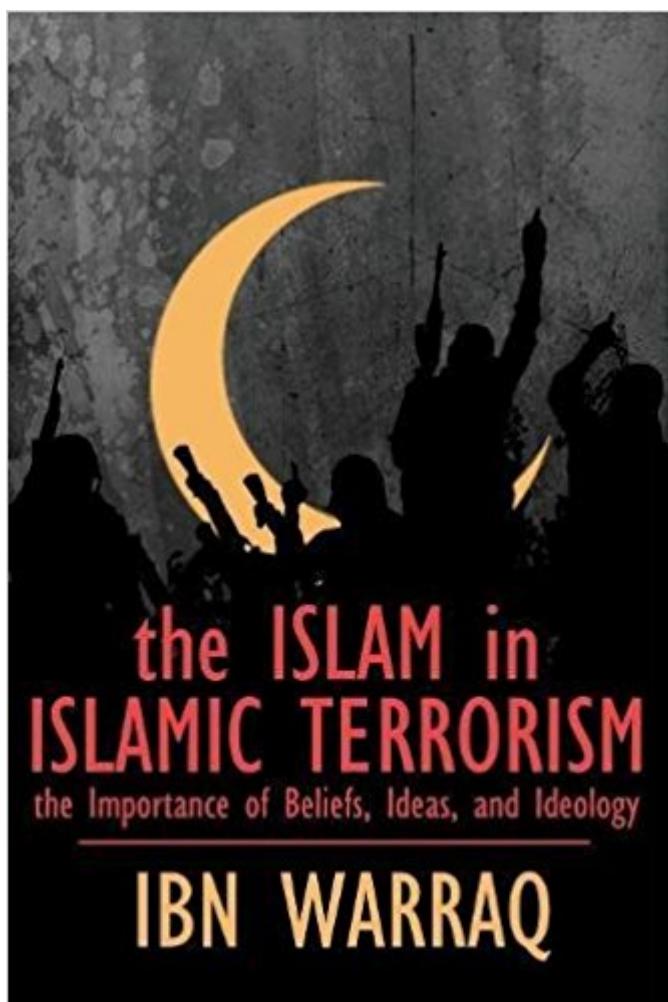


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The Islam In Islamic Terrorism: The Importance Of Beliefs, Ideas, And Ideology



Synopsis

Ibn Warraq addresses several misconceptions regarding the cause of Islamic terrorism. Many scholars refuse to take into account the beliefs of the terrorists, and many seem to think that Islamic terrorism has emerged only in the last forty years or so. Many analysts believe that the United States was targeted because of its foreign policy, while others opine that we have to dig out the root causes which are essentially socioeconomic, with poverty as the favorite explanation. Ibn Warraq, on the other hand, argues that we must take the beliefs of the jihadists seriously. The acts of ISIS or the Taliban or any other jihadist group are not random acts of violence by a mob of psychopathic, sexually frustrated, impoverished vandals, but carefully and strategically planned operations that are a part of a long campaign by educated, affluent Muslims who wish to bring about the establishment of an Islamic state based on the Shari'a, the Islamic Holy Law derived from the Koran, the Sunna and the Hadith. Nor did Islamic terrorism emerge, *ex nihilo*, in the past forty years or so. From its foundation in the seventh century, violent movements have arisen seeking to revive true Islam, which its members felt had been neglected in Muslim societies, who were not living up to the ideals of the earliest Muslims. Thus, the answer to the cause of Islamic terrorism, according to Ibn Warraq, lies in Islamic theology (especially the concepts of jihad and Commanding Right and Forbidding Wrong), and Islamic history, both of which he examines closely. This is borne out by what the Islamists themselves tell us, hence Ibn Warraq's detailed examination of the writings of key Islamic thinkers of the past, such as Ibn Taymiyya, and modern activists, from Mawdudi to Khomeini.

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Ibn Warraq exemplifies the rarely combined qualities of courage, integrity, and intelligence.

BERNARD LEWIS, Cleveland E. Dodge Professor Emeritus of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University. Ibn Warraq, one of the great heroes of our time DOUGLAS MURRAY, The Spectator. Ibn Warraq is a hero of mine, and it is shameful that he and his writings have not been recognized for their scholarship, courage, and relevance. Ever since Leon de Winter gave me Ibn Warraq's book Why I am Not a Muslim I have cherished it. It has had a profound influence on me, and gave me courage in my own work and activities. His subsequent books have defended Western civilization and have reminded us what we are fighting for. Ibn Warraq deserves our attention and thanks." AYAAN HIRSI ALI, Activist and Author of Nomad: From America: A Personal Journey Through the Clash of Civilizations (2010) and Heretic: Why Islam Needs a Reformation Now (2015) --New English ReviewIbn Warraq, the celebrated apostate, author of Why I Am Not A Muslim and of scholarly works on the Koran, Muhammad, and early Islam, as well as polemical works in defense of the West, has now written The Islam in Islamic Terrorism, showing, in the words of the Islamic fundamentalists (or, more exactly, revivalists) themselves, what really motivates Islamic terrorists today, and what has motivated them since the time of the Kharijites in the first century of Islam: the belief in the need to recover the pristine Islam of the time of Muhammad, by removing all innovations (bid'a), the further belief that it is the duty of Muslims to wage Jihad against all Unbelievers until Islam everywhere dominates, and to bring about the resurrection of the caliphate, and the imposition of Islamic Law, or Sharia, all over the globe. Ibn Warraq's The Islam In Islamic Terrorism is a brilliant series of reported echoes down the corridors of Islam, where the same complaints about bid'a, the same insistence on regulating every area of a Believer's life, the same refusal to allow freedom of religion or thought, the same duties of violent Jihad and Commanding Right and Forbidding Wrong, the same demands for a return to the same pristine Islam of Muhammad, the same virulent antisemitism, the same quotes from the Koran and Hadith, the same hatred of Infidels, the same insistence that we love death more than you love life, the same call for bloodshed and Muslim martyrdom, the same dreary fanaticism, are thoroughly described and dissected, and above all the various violent manifestations of this revivalism over the centuries are linked to one another, as Ibn Warraq brings to bear the massive research he has been conducting over many years, in primary and secondary sources, and here deploys to splendid effect. --Hugh Fitzgerald --Jihad WatchBorn in India and educated in Britain, Warraq began criticizing Islam in print during the 1988-89 Satanic Verses controversy, when he was appalled by the failure of celebrated writers and intellectuals to defend Salman Rushdie's freedom of speech.

Warraq, who was then based in France and now lives in the U.S., has been publishing books on Islam ever since, and is one of the essential contemporary authors on the subject, courageously telling ugly truths about a religion an ideology that has been swathed in pretty lies. His new book, *The Islam in Islamic Terrorism: The Importance of Beliefs, Ideas, and Ideology*, is (if it doesn't sound a bit odd to put it this way) a godsend a comprehensive answer to every one of those duplicitous politicians, lily-livered journalists, and slimy professional experts and consultants who tirelessly insist that Muslim terrorists have hijacked a peaceful faith. Some of us don't need to be told that this Religion of Peace stuff is arrant nonsense; but innumerable apologists continue to absolve Islam itself of guilt for violent terror, and tens of millions of people in the West continue to buy their bull some because they are themselves so pure of heart that they simply can't believe any religion would actually preach violence, and others because admitting the facts would make them feel like bigots. --Bruce Bawer --Front Page Magazine/Jewish Voice

Ibn Warraq is the highly acclaimed scholar of Islam and author of *Why I Am Not a Muslim* and *Defending the West*. He is also the editor of *The Origins of the Koran*, *What the Koran Really Says*, *The Quest for the Historical Muhammad*, *Leaving Islam*, and his latest with New English Review Press, *Sir Walter Scott's Crusades and Other Fantasies*. He is also a Senior Editor for the popular Anglo-American webmagazine, *New English Review*.

"The Islam in Islamic Terrorism: The Importance of Beliefs, Ideas, and Ideology" by Ibn Warraq, 395 pp. paperback; (May 2017). At the time of this review, the "Look Inside" feature displays only the "Kindle Cloud Reader" version -- which is very limited and doesn't even reveal its "Table of Contents". Hence, I'm providing it here: The "Contents" page is actually six pages long, so I am listing only the major chapter titles (and just a few of the many sub-chapter topics): Preface and Acknowledgements
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Authors like he do not get the best of the press because they refuse to act the dhimmi. The challenge is to refute what he writes. So far there exist a dearth of refutations which address the topics the author addresses.

This book should be widely read by Westerners, both non-Muslim, and Muslims.

Excellent!

The central theme of Ibn Warraq's is implied by its title. More specifically Islamic terrorism is not some recent development caused by the West. It began a long time ago beginning with the words of Allah as 'spoken' to Muhammad by the Angel Gabriel; followed by the later-developed sunna. Islam's sunna is "the body of idealized precedents for religious and moral behavior that go with the Qur'an. . . . It was based on the exemplary words and actions of Muhammad." (Campo, J., pg. 644,

Checkmark Books, 2009). (Some of the Qur'an and sunna urge violence, display true bigotry against Judaism, and are grossly misogynistic). Ibn Warraq is that rare academic who is able to write without sounding like one. This quality has been part of two of his earlier books, and An review prior to yours truly's has set out a list of chapters in the book, which can be useful; however they only hint at the wisdom contained in the bodies of those chapters. Though It is sometimes said by apologists that the causes of 20th and 21st century jihad are (such as) poverty, lack of opportunity, Western bigotry and global warming, author Warraq illustrates how in times past some Muslim societies had become lax while living lives only loosely based on the Prophet's precepts; 'loosely' as determined by fundamentalist Muslims who scorned any such deviance as apostasy which had to be put down. For instance the Muslim fundamentalist Ibn Taymiyya, born in 1263, advocated "commanding right and forbidding wrong." (pg. 191). Though there were fundamentalists before Taymiyya, he is considered by some to be "The Great Regenerator of Jihad." (pg. 205). Others were to follow, such as fundamentalist Abd Al-Wahab who was so influential in Saudi Arabia in the 18th century. (Strict effects of his influence persist). Having spoken of jihad in the previous sentence, I am reminded that Warraq goes to some lengths to show that 'jihad' in Islamic terminology, has overwhelmingly been understood to mean religious warfare rather than a personal effort to follow in the righteous religious path of Allah and his prophet, as is often claimed by Muslim apologists for Islam. The perceived recent rise in carrying out bloody jihad is actually caused by the greater availability of money and greater literacy and formal education in the ranks of Muslims, who can better understand what fundamentalist mullahs are telling them -- telling them via a plethora of electronic means of transmitting and receiving. Warraq refers to the errant beliefs spoken by those many Western government officials and private 'experts' who parrot the Muslim line "Islam is a religion of peace." Those same persons probably believe in the concepts of a borderless world and the loving fraternity of mankind. Simultaneously Muslims newly arriving in Western lands do not join into the culture of their hosts, but instead believe that Western societies must submit to Islam's sometimes barbaric precepts and practices. Warraq uses softer words than mine but he is clear in saying what he believes. Incidentally author Warraq doesn't foresee a softening of the ancient Islamic lines of belief anytime soon.

This is a must read for anyone rethinking their beliefs about Islam and what they've been sold through the regressive left and the media who continue to live in denial about the actual CAUSE of Jihad and terrorism. By looking at the holy texts of the Quran and Hadith and Muhammad's life, it becomes abundantly clear, and Ibn Warraq shows, that doctrines and beliefs are the prime mover

and motivator of terrorists. If the doctrines and Imams and Islamic scholars say a Muslim will go to HEAVEN and be rewarded with WOMEN if they commit Jihad, then more Muslims are VERY motivated to commit acts of violence. If the doctrines say it is GOD'S LAW (sharia) that women be treated inferior to men, well then you have states like Saudi Arabia who treat women like property. This book goes into excellent detail and puts to rest the sad excuses advanced by those who are too scared to read the Quran, Hadith, and Muhammad's biography to see what really motivates Jihad and Sharia. Read this book, and the Quran, and wake up.

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