

***Hijacking the Holy
Qur'an and Islam***

**The Poor-Man's
Guide To
Modernity**

Zahir Ebrahim

Case Study

Why is the Holy Qur'an always so easy to Hijack?

© Zahir Ebrahim

Hijacking the Holy Qur'an and Islam

Copyright Notice

Copyright © 2011, 2012 by Zahir Ebrahim.

All rights reserved.

Adapted from The Poor-Man's Guide to Modernity 5f

Words: 76806 | Pages: 166 | 8.5x11 | Printed on Oct 30, 2012

Published by Project Humanbeingsfirst™

First Edition

DOWNLOAD PDF

<http://humanbeingsfirst.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/why-hijacking-quran-islam-easy-zahirebrahim-bookprint.pdf>

<http://humanbeingsfirst.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/why-hijacking-quran-islam-easy-zahirebrahim-homeprinter.pdf>

Other formats available at: <http://hijackingislam.wordpress.com/>

Copyright © Zahir Ebrahim. Full permission to copy, repost, and reprint, in its entirety, unmodified and unedited, for any purpose, in any reproduction medium, granted, provided the PDF URL above and this copyright notice are also reproduced verbatim as part of this license, and not doing so may be subject to copyright license violation infringement claims pursuant to remedies noted at <http://www.copyright.gov/title17/92chap5.html>. All images, quotations and excerpts are based on non-profit “fair-use” for personal education and research in the public interest consistent with the understanding of laws noted at <http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/17/107.html>. Partial replication or dissemination of this book with any page omitted is an infringement. Any use beyond non-profit fair-use requires written consent from all copyright holders. Verbatim reproduction license and non-profit fair-use of copyrighted material noted at <http://Humanbeingsfirst.org#Copyright>.

This book is typeset in StarOffice and OpenOffice.

Samuel Huntington at Harvard University Asserts:

“The underlying problem for the West is not Islamic fundamentalism. It is Islam, a different civilization whose people are convinced of the superiority of their culture and are obsessed with the inferiority of their power. The problem for Islam is not the CIA or the US Department of Defense. It is the West, a different civilization whose people are convinced of the universality of their culture and believe that their superior, if declining, power imposes on them the obligation to extend that culture throughout the world. These are the basic ingredient that fuel conflict between Islam and the West.” ---

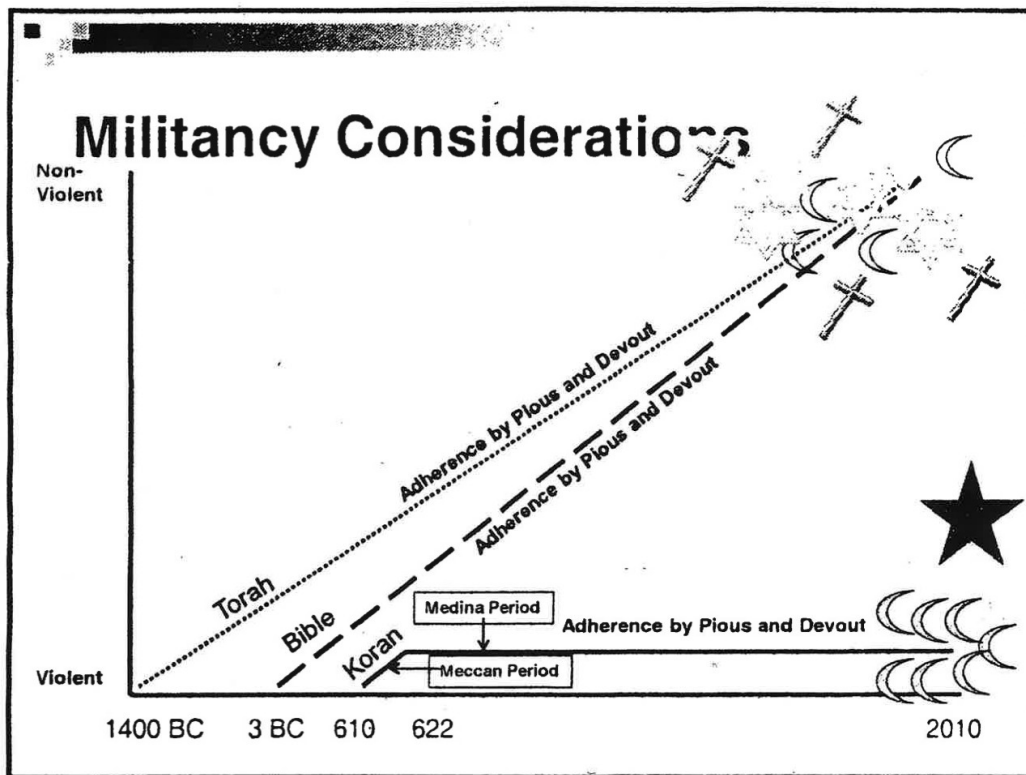
Samuel P. Huntington, *The Clash of Civilizations And The Remaking Of World Order*, 1996, pgs. 217-218

Bernard Lewis at Princeton University Asserts:

“It is difficult to generalize about Islam. To begin with, the word itself is commonly used with two related but distinct meanings, as the equivalents both of Christianity, and Christendom. In the one sense, it denotes a religion, as system of beliefs and worship; in the other, the civilization that grew up and flourished under the aegis of that religion. The word Islam thus denotes more than fourteen centuries of history, a billion and a third people, and a religious and cultural tradition of enormous diversity.” --- Bernard Lewis, *Crisis of Islam – Holy War and Unholy Terror*, 2003, pg. 1

“But Islam, like other religions, has also known periods when it inspired in some of its followers a mood of hatred and violence. It is our misfortune that we have to confront part of the Muslim world while it is going through such a period, and when most – though by no means all – of that hatred is directed against us.” --- Bernard Lewis, *Crisis of Islam – Holy War and Unholy Terror*, 2003, pg. 25

The FBI Training Presentation Asserts:



Caption As reported by Wired on September 14, 2011, an FBI training presentation titled “Militancy Considerations” measures the relationship between piety and violence among the texts of the three Abrahamic faiths [**the god's chosen people obviously coming out on top!!!**] As time goes on, the followers of the Torah and the Bible move from “violent” to “non-violent.” Not so for devotees of the Koran, whose “moderating process has not happened.” The line representing violent behavior from devout Muslims flatlines and continues outward, from 610 A.D. to 2010. In other words, religious Muslims have been and always will be agents of aggression.

But The Holy Qur'an Asserts Entirely Different:

“This is the Scripture whereof there is no doubt, a guidance unto those who ward off (evil).” (Arabic ذٰلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيْهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِيْنَ Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara 2:2

“Who believe in the Unseen, and establish worship, and spend of that We have bestowed upon them” (Arabic الَّذِيْنَ يُؤْمِنُوْنَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيْمُوْنَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنٰهُمْ يُنْفِقُوْنَ Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara 2:3

The Holy Qur'an Also Defines The Word “Islam” To Be A Proper Noun:

“This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.” (Arabic: الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ الْيَوْمَ أَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Maeda verse fragment 5:3

So What's Going on Here

Are the superior Jewish minds of professors Bernard Lewis and Samuel Huntington, along with the pious Jewish FBI training presentation of 2011, simply mistaken?

Are these superior Western intellectuals in America's best Ivy Leagues “innocent of knowledge”?

Or, are they diabolically seeding “doctrinal motivation” for “imperial mobilization”?

But why do they always succeed?

Why is Islam always so easy to Hijack for “imperial mobilization”?

Why do Muslims make such easy patsies?

Countering the Hijacking of a scripture and its “deen” through education

**The journey of a
thousand miles
begins with a small
baby-step**

About this Book

This is an abridged book comprising some chapters from *The Poor-Man's Guide to Modernity*. It primarily focusses on the subject of Hijacking Islam and the Holy Qur'an for social engineering and *"imperial mobilization"*.

Download PDF of full book: <http://humanbeingsfirst.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/the-poor-mans-guide-to-modernity-5f.pdf>

Short URL: <http://tinyurl.com/poor-mans-guide-to-modernity5f>

Download PDF of this abridged book:

<http://humanbeingsfirst.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/why-hijacking-quran-islam-easy-zahirebrahim-bookprint.pdf>

<http://humanbeingsfirst.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/why-hijacking-quran-islam-easy-zahirebrahim-homeprinter.pdf>

Read Online: <http://hijackingislam.wordpress.com/>

The author gives permission to redistribute this copyrighted work, verbatim-only, in any medium. See [Copyright Notice](#).

[Project Humanbeingsfirst.org](http://ProjectHumanbeingsfirst.org)

About its Author

Zahir Ebrahim, an ordinary researcher and writer on contemporary matters of urgent human concern, grew up in Pakistan, studied EECS at UET, MIT, and Stanford, engineered for a while in high-tech Silicon Valley (<http://tinyurl.com/zahir-patents>), and retired early to pursue other responsible interests. His maiden book of protest written during the American invasion of Iraq in 2003, systematically deconstructed the catastrophic terrorism of 9/11 as a pretext for “*imperial mobilization*” exactly akin to the Third Reich's *Operation Canned Goods*. Rejected by countless publishers, the analysis is presciently current and can be read at <http://PrisonersoftheCave.org>. Zahir's interests span the gamut of social engineering where he has continued his studies as a hobbyist social scientist after exiting his profession of electrical engineering. He reports what he learns as an amateur (i.e., it is not a profession) investigative journalist primarily for Project Humanbeingsfirst.org which he founded as the plebeian antidote to *hectoring hegemons*. His extended bio is available at: <http://zahirebrahim.org>

Table of Contents

Chapters adapted from the book The Poor-Man's Guide to Modernity 5f

I	Chapter-33 Case Study: Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to Hijack?	1
II	Chapter-2 Hijacking the word “Islam” for Mantra Creation (adapted from The Mighty Wurlitzer)	52
III	Chapter-9 Islam in the Service of Empire	68
IV	Chapter-10 Muslim Stooges in the Service of Empire	105
V	Chapter-11 FBI-Militancy Presentation and Empire	113
VI	Chapter-17 The Noble Path: Denying to Caesar what is not Caesar’s	121
VII	Chapter-18 The Ignoble Path: Long Road To Secular Humanism	126
	Backcover Summary of the Book	166

The Predatory Mind

"Not Allah, not God, but the gods of political science and social engineering run the world." --- Zahir Ebrahim, *Project Humanbeingsfirst.org*

"We are governed, our minds are molded, our tastes formed, our ideas suggested, largely by men we have never heard of."
--- Edward Bernays, *Propaganda*, 1928, pg.1

"we are in process of developing a whole series of techniques which will enable the controlling oligarchy who have always existed and presumably always will exist, to get people actually to love their servitude!" --- Aldous Huxley, *The Ultimate Revolution*, 1962 speech at UC Berkeley

The Public Mind

“What a man believes upon grossly insufficient evidence is an index to his desires – desires of which he himself is often unconscious. If a man is offered a fact which goes against his instincts [or worldview], he will scrutinize it closely, and unless [and at times even when] the evidence is overwhelming, he will refuse to believe it. If, on the other hand, he is offered something which affords a reason for acting in accordance with his instincts [or worldview], he will accept it even on the slenderest evidence.” --- Bertrand Russell,

Proposed Roads to Freedom, 1919, pg 147

To

All Who Care

And, for my children—to help them reshape tomorrow's world

I

Chapter 33 Case Study: Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to Hijack?

Part-I

[Tuesday, August 02, 2011, 2nd day of Ramadan in the United States, Muslim year 1432] Despite a slight throbbing headache due to abstinence from my usual cups of morning tea on my second day of fasting, I feel motivated to address an observation made by a fellow Muslim at an *Iftar* dinner in a Pakistani restaurant in Islamabad many years ago. In the past few years I have spent many a Ramadan in Pakistan and often visited the same restaurant for breaking the fast with a lavish buffet meal. Servicing a mere day's hunger from self-imposed deprivation can be a sight to behold. Any sensible person watching privileged Muslims feast at *Iftar* with perfunctory courtesy to Islam would surely wonder about our religion. Thank goodness non-Muslims don't approach Islam by looking at the behavior of us gluttonous Muslims, but rather, by approaching the Holy Qur'an directly. And that's the topic of this column – understanding Islam directly from its singular source, the Holy Qur'an.

The good fellow who was one of the restaurant managers and was pursuing part-time studies in Arabic, sometimes would sit with me for a cup of tea. As I vividly recall, on one of these visits for a hearty meal, he had asked me a rhetorical question to which I had partly replied in some seriousness with reference to the Holy Qur'an. My interlocutor's immediate riposte to me was something like this:

“don't quote me the Qur'an; everyone quotes their favorite verses to justify their own narrow positions; the shias quote it, the sunnis quote it, the wahabis quote it, the barelvis quote it, the deobandis quote it, the qadianis quote it, and yet they all have slightly different understanding of the same Holy Qur'an and each would rather die for that difference than relent in their view.”

Indeed, as many Muslims who have read the Holy Qur'an are aware, anyone can pretty much find at least some justification for any agenda, any belief, and mainly the one into which one is socialized at birth, in that most unusual Book.

It is an empirical fact that that's how Muslims become divided into sectarianism. Not by rationalism, logic or investigation, but by the fact of being born into a Muslim home and adopting the dominant theology and practices of the sect to which the parents belong – whether or not they be practicing Muslims. Often times, the

de facto socialization parameters are determined by the dominant sect of the culture, nation, or civilization where one is raised. This is why the majority of Muslims in the world are classified in general terms as sunnis – the dominant sect among the Muslims. This is also why a Saudi Muslim is different from an Iranian Muslim, for example. Neither chooses their sectarian version of Islam – each is born into it. But each claims to be the sole custodian of Islam's true interpretation. As the dominant mainstream, the sunnis don't consider themselves to be a “sect” by the fact of being the majority. Only the other minority is a “sect”. Every minority of course think the majority is usually wrong pointing to how it killed Socrates. Some ask: is the religion of Islam a “democracy” – that fifty one percent of the people who are born into it define what Islam and its Book must mean for the rest of the forty nine percent? Isn't that also called mob rule – where majority ignorance rules? Should one follow the majority just because they are a majority irrespective of the merit of their position? And what objective merit is that when every group, big and small, sees maximum merit only in their own socialized interpretation of Islam?

The vast majority of the 1.6 billion Muslims worldwide are directly socialized into our sectarian beliefs from birth. As adults, our understanding of the religion of Islam is thence derived almost exclusively from our birth-sect's dominant worldviews. Our respective beliefs are further strengthened when we see our sect's *ullema* (Muslim religious scholars) most eloquently argue their respective theological *raison d'être* for differing with that other sect's mumbo jumbo directly from the Holy Qur'an, and from other secondary and tertiary books of their own sect. That fact of socialization applies recursively to all scholars and compilers of antiquity as well. The bulk of their writings constituting the secondary and tertiary sources of information for subsequent generations of Muslim scholarship. Each group or sect naturally selecting the narrow views of their respective socialization to promulgate forward to the next generation in a classic example of a crippled epistemology which incestuously feeds upon itself.

This is quite empirical. Pick up any book of antiquity, from tafseer to hadith compilation to history, and one will see the clear separation of shia vs. sunni dichotomy run through them. Examine the background of the authors and they invariably exactly fall along that same boundary. A very peculiar state of affairs which is inexplicable, since all sects claim to have the same exact text of the Holy Qur'an, unless one begins to understand the power and influence of incestuous socialization in Muslim scholarship. Few escape it. And this fact is evidenced by the straightforward observation that socialized masses and scholars alike, don't account for their own socialization in their self-righteous proclamations entirely rooted in the superiority complex of their respective inheritance.

Is the religion of the masses therefore, practically speaking, merely reduced to an inheritance?

The Author of the Holy Qur'an vociferously decries that notion of following in the footsteps of one's forefathers, unequivocally warning not to follow the religion of one's ancestors just because one is born into that religion. Surah Al-Baqara is replete with that theme. E.g.,

“This is a people that have passed away; they shall have what they earned and you shall have what you earn, and you shall not be called upon to answer for what they did.” (2:141); and “(On the day) when those who were followed disown those who followed (them), and they behold the doom, and all their aims collapse with them. And those who were but followers will say: If a return were possible for us, we would disown them even as they have disowned us. Thus will Allah show them their own deeds as anguish for them, and they will not emerge from the Fire.” (Surah Al-Baqara, 2:166-167)

The Holy Qur'an repeatedly invites individual reflection of every human being in the matters of beliefs instead of merely inheriting the beliefs from one's forefathers, as in Surah Al An'aam:

"So when the night over-shadowed him, he saw a star; said he: Is this my Lord? So when it set, he said: I do not love the setting ones. Then when he saw the moon rising, he said: Is this my Lord? So when it set, he said: If my Lord had not guided me I should certainly be of the erring people. Then when he saw the sun rising, he said: Is this my Lord? Is this the greatest? So when it set, he said: O my people! surely I am clear of what you set up (with Allah). Surely I have turned myself, being upright, wholly to Him Who originated the heavens and the earth, and I am not of the polytheists." (Surah Al An'aam, 6:76-77-78-79)

The Holy Qur'an enjoins such reflection even while also accepting socialization as an empirical fact among mankind. The Author of the Holy Qur'an Itself proclaims that It created mankind in tribes and nations:

"O mankind! Lo! We have created you from male and female, and have made you nations and tribes that ye may know one another. Lo! the noblest of you, in the sight of Allah, is the best in conduct. Lo! Allah is Knower, Aware." (Surah Al-Hujraat, 49:13).

And that:

"If Allah had so willed, He would have made you a single people" (Surah Al-Maeda, 5:48)

The Holy Qur'an therefore rationally countenances socialization for those pursuing their respective beliefs other than Islam, despite the Holy Qur'an oft stating that Islam supplants them all as the final Revelation in a tamper-proof package:

"In a Book well-guarded, Which none shall touch but those who are clean." (Surah Al-Waqia, 56:78-79)

See the examination of Surah Al-Fatiha and Surah Al-Maeda in Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization for the consequent principles of pluralism for virtuous conduct regardless of beliefs inherent in the message of the Holy Qur'an which unequivocally avers:

"There is no compulsion in religion." (Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara, 2:256)

While accepting socialization as a fact, the Qur'anic recipe to circumvent socialization as a means for independent evaluation of beliefs, is to approach the Holy Qur'an with a *cleansed heart*. (Ibid.) But one still observes all the *cleansed hearts* throughout the ages still pretty much fall along the same sectarian demarcation among the Muslims. Why does the *cleansed heart* recipe evidently fail when it comes to sectarianism for the topics which divide the Muslims? Perhaps the hearts aren't *cleansed* enough? That platitudinous metaphor for bringing utmost earnestness when seeking a rational as well as spiritual understanding of the Holy Qur'an, not bringing preconceptions and prejudices to its study and reflection, doesn't really lend any additional insight into the subject of why even the most earnest seekers of truth come away understanding the Holy Book pretty much along the axis of their socialization. Focusing on the heart is a dead-end as far as further intellectual inquiry is concerned.

Therefore, the question naturally arises, that if it is empirically observed that everyone finds their own self-serving justifications to validate their respective socialization in the Holy Qur'an, how is one to study the Holy Qur'an objectively, independent of one's own socialization, in order to learn and comprehend what its own Author wanted to convey in that most revered Book of the Muslims?

How are we to prevent the hijacking of the Holy Qur'an from a self-serving understanding of it for our own selves?

Before one can even begin to perceptively answer that crucial question, commonsense suggests that one has to first diagnose and dissect the problem more precisely.

Therefore, we begin by formulating the problem in this way:

What are the inherent impediments for studying the message of the Holy Qur'an which make the Book so amenable to self-serving interpretation, socialization, and even bastardization by anyone?

Just to briefly footnote the usage of the latter villainous word, **bastardization**, it is no secret that today, its harbingers include the most notable Western propagandists. E.g., Bernard Lewis of Princeton University who skillfully crafted the mantra of 'Clash of Civilizations' and subsequently wrote the thesis "Crisis of Islam – Holy War and Unholy Terror"; and Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski who easily gave to the USSR its Vietnam War in Afghanistan in Muslim blood with nothing more profound than a simple retake on the German Third Reich's battle cry *Gott mit uns* (*God be with us*): "*God is on your side*".

"In 1990 Bernard Lewis, a leading Western scholar of Islam, analyzed 'The Roots of Muslim Rage,' and concluded: 'It should now be clear that we are facing a mood and a movement far transcending the level of issues and policies and the governments that pursue them. This is no less than a clash of civilizations – that perhaps irrational but surely historic reaction of an ancient rival against our Judeo-Christian heritage, our secular present, and the worldwide expansion of both. It is crucially important that we on our side should not be provoked into an equally historic but also equally irrational reaction against our rival.'" (Samuel Huntington in *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*, page 213)

That supposed "Muslim Rage" of 1990 was turned into the egregiously titled full blown propaganda treatise *The Clash of Civilizations* by Bernard Lewis' Zionist-imperialist confrere at Harvard University, Samuel Huntington, in 1995:

"The underlying problem for the West is not Islamic fundamentalism. It is Islam, a different civilization whose people are convinced of the superiority of their culture and are obsessed with the inferiority of their power. The problem for Islam is not the CIA or the US Department of Defense. It is the West, a different civilization whose people are convinced of the universality of their culture and believe that their superior, if declining, power imposes on them the obligation to extend that culture throughout the world. These are the basic ingredient that fuel conflict between Islam and the West." (Ibid. pages 217-218)

And Huntington's myth crafting of 1995 was turned into the perpetual "War on Terrorism" on September 11, 2001 by the Zionist-imperialists' errand boy, George W. Bush Jr., the President of the United States, with **"either you are with us, or with the terrorists"!**

Moreover, today, both "militant Islam" and "moderate Islam", the Hegelian Dialectic to continually advance and sustain the cause of empire's "War on Terror" as a "*self-fulfilling prophecy*", draw justifications from the Holy Qur'an. One for Holy War, the other for Holy Peace. Each side has its partisans among the public because

each side easily sees the correctness of their own position – it is, after all, (selectively) rooted in the Holy Qur'an they each claim. See [Response to the Fatwa on Terrorism in the Service of Empire](#).

However, mechanisms for the **bastardization** of a religion is not the focus of this analysis. See [Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization](#), [Islam vs. Secular Humanism and World Government](#), and [Case Study in Mantra Creation](#) for these details. (Chapters 10, 9, 18, and 2 respectively.) The political novel (or historical fiction – the only fair way to characterize it) “[Memoirs Of Mr. Hempher, The British Spy To The Middle East](#)” is further revealing of how the hijacking of the religion of Islam can be so diabolically engineered by planting and cultivating stooges for cognitive infiltration into the religion via a subversive sect creation in the 18th century. In PART SIX of the novel, key insightful observations are made about the religion of Islam and the Muslim psyche which, regardless of who authored them – whether as historical fiction or a real handbook of subverting Islam – are empirically visible even today. Empiricism lends direct credence to the description of the Machiavellian methods of subversion of the religion of Islam in that political treatise (read pertinent [excerpt](#)) irrespective of who is its author or what literary device is employed to convey the malignant thesis.

Just as “[Philip Dru Administrator : a Story of Tomorrow 1920 - 1935](#)”, by Edward Mandell House, depicts in a fictional narrative, the first principles used for the author's own Trojan Horse role in controlling President Woodrow Wilson's presidency (1912-1920) as a puppet on behalf of oligarchic powers behind the scenes. First principles which one can observe being practiced for all American presidencies ever since, including today for President Obama's puppet presidency. Just as empiricism also lends incontrovertible weight to the Machiavellian methods in the Protocols of the Elders of Zion regardless of who wrote that malignant treatise whose effects in the world today are plainly visible as if blueprinted directly from that villainous recipe book of subversion. All these political treatises in varying forms are akin to the political novel *The Prince* by Machiavelli, written in the 16th century which still forms the guide-book for modern statecraft, and that is the heart of the matter – the principles of subversion espoused in them. Just as Machiavelli is read and followed in statecraft, so are any recipe books which permit subverting the enemy, including the 2500 years old Chinese treatise of Sun Tzu, *The Art of War* (read all these [works](#)).

And lastly, in that same vein of subversion of a lofty religion for seeding havoc among its followers, the two articles [Egypt and Tunisia – The 'arc of crisis' being radicalized!](#) and [Unlayering the Middle East War Agenda: Making Sense of Absurdities](#), delve into the more recent cultivation of the shia Iranian Revolution of yesteryear to connect with the present “revolutions” suddenly erupting in the Middle East against the same tyrannical rulers who were previously aided and abetted to remain in power over their peoples just like Saddam Hussein of Iraq. Its juxtaposition to the cultivation of the sunni “Mujahideens” in Afghanistan at exactly the same time period, both of them to fertilize the “*arc of crisis*” with bipartisan Muslim blood, is frightening testimony of the persistence of vulnerable fracture points among the followers of Islam which are perennially ripe for harvesting.

The Muslim fratricide of Iran-Iraq war was only made possible by deftly employing the age old historical schisms of shia-vs-sunni, arming both sides and contriving the fratricide in untold millions. That contrivance is a textbook example of *game theory* being put into practice for a global agenda. The effects of fertilizing the “*arc of crisis*” in Muslim blood predictively percolated into enabling other premeditated global events, ultimately setting into motion the creation of a New World Order – of one world government. Read the aforementioned two articles to fathom the self-serving Cassandra-like predictions made by Zbigniew Brzezinski right after lighting that fuse to what he prophetically (sic!) called the “*arc of crisis*”. A fuller understanding of that epoch of the latter half of the twentieth century minimally requires a book-length read

which perceptively re-links the seemingly disparate and often unlinked antecedent and subsequent events, wars, collapses, revolutions of the past century, melding directly into the searing event of the New Pearl Harbor on September 11, 2001. See a précis in Of Ostriches and Rebels on The Hard Road to World Order.

With the preceding bird's eye view of the age old villainous methods of subversion and harvesting of the religion of Islam from within, the focus in this article is exclusively on the natural impediments to the earnest study of the Holy Qur'an by a genuine seeker of its knowledge who willingly comes to the Book with an intent to learn its contents.

So now you open the Holy Qur'an to read, reflect, and study, with a *cleansed heart*, Muslim or non-Muslim, native Arabic speaker or reading many translations in your own language alongside. Common impediments now make the study of the Holy Qur'an uncongenial to the ordered mind. Let's dissect that uncongeniality with a surgeon's scalpel. The result is not as obvious as it might first appear.

II

Let's begin with a thought experiment. Imagine Mr. Spock from Star Trek curiously picking up the Holy Qur'an to examine its fascinating contents. What will he find?

For those unfamiliar with Mr. Spock, he is a fictional character in a science fiction television series of the 1960s. Spock is a completely logical being. He exhibits no human characteristics of subjectivity and emotionalism. He has no intuition, no imagination, and no inspiration. He makes rational analysis of any matter based solely on available facts and data. He draws linkages, makes inferences and deduction, theorizes and opines, based solely on factual logic and not on intuition or other un-quantifiable human notions of *tea-leaves* reading, sixth sense, gut feel, love, hate, etc., all of which transcend rational logic.

Therefore, Mr. Spock can put no subjective spin on his analysis. His opinion is always supported by facts at hand. When he is forced to speculate, he refrains by saying one needs facts to even speculate. When he theorizes for the unknown, he only does so based on available factual evidence. He is entirely impervious to the following human tendency:

'What a man believes upon grossly insufficient evidence is an index to his desires – desires of which he himself is often unconscious. If a man is offered a fact which goes against his instincts [or worldview], he will scrutinize it closely, and unless [and at times even when] the evidence is overwhelming, he will refuse to believe it. If, on the other hand, he is offered something which affords a reason for acting in accordance with his instincts [or worldview], he will accept it even on the slenderest evidence.' — Bertrand Russell, *Proposed Roads to Freedom*, 1919, page 147

It is fair to say that Mr. Spock is completely un-socialized into any worldview other than of pure logic, facts, and empiricism. Therefore, unlike normal human beings, Spock brings no presuppositions and no prejudices to his testimony other than that which naturally falls out from pure logic applied to empirical data.

An example to illustrate his logic mind is from the episode titled “Court Martial” where Mr. Spock is being asked to testify in a court martial of his captain. When Mr. Spock asserted that it was not possible for his captain to be guilty as charged because it was not in his nature to make such an error, he was accused by the prosecutor of bias due to loyalty to his captain; that Spock hadn't actually watched the captain not do what he

was charged with doing. Mr. Spock's response is elegantly logical: *"I know the captain. Lieutenant, I am half Vulcanian. Vulcanians do not speculate. I speak from pure logic. If I let go of a hammer on a planet that has a positive gravity, I need not see it fall to know that it has in fact fallen."*

As the science officer aboard the Starship Enterprise, Mr. Spock is the second in command and has the distinguished record of one hundred percent objective situational analysis of fast breaking crises one hundred percent of the time. Just the kind of mind we need to launch our forensic examination of the Holy Qur'an – the separation between the object under study and the observer. Mr. Spock's logical mind lends us that much needed cleavage.

Continued in Part-II

Source URL: <http://faith-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/08/islam-why-is-quran-easy-to-hijack-pt1.html>

First Published August 03, 2011

Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to hijack?

Part-II

Introduction

In Part-I of this study, Mr. Spock from Star Trek had just picked up the Holy Qur'an and with a *cleansed heart* as is natural to him on all matters (i.e., without prejudice and socialization bias – see Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization), delved into the inquiry of what is in that Holy Book of 1.6 to 2 billion Muslims on planet earth. While it will surely take a good book-length report to cover all that he learnt, this Part-II and sequels to follow narrowly focus on the factual and analytical portions of his discovery as directly pertinent to the overarching inquiry question raised in Part-I:

What are the inherent impediments for studying the message of the Holy Qur'an which make the Book so amenable to self-serving interpretation, socialization, and even bastardization by anyone?

While this investigative study is intended primarily for the benefit of ordinary Muslims to foster a greater analytical understanding of our own religion, Islam, ordinary Non-Muslim peoples will, perhaps for the first time in the English language – the language of the Anglo-Saxon masters du jour of the affairs of the world – perceptively glimpse the scriptural reasons for the delicate fracture points of disunity among Muslims. These fracture points have been rife for exploitation by all *imperial mobilizations* of all empires, both past and present.

But “Islam”, the proper noun, a “deen” chosen by Allah, the Author designate of the Holy Qur'an, and by the Author's own proclamation, a “favor” unto mankind to show them an enlightened and divinely guided way of life, **has nothing to do with empires:**

“This is the Scripture whereof there is no doubt, a guidance unto those who ward off (evil).”
(Arabic: ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara 2:2

“Who believe in the Unseen, and establish worship, and spend of that We have bestowed upon them” (Arabic: الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara 2:3

“This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.” (Arabic: الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Maeda verse fragment 5:3

Then, how did a religion which Allah perfected as guidance for the pious (هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ) become an unsurpassed empire soon after the death of its Prophet? The last remnants of which were finally forcibly laid

to rest by the Anglo-Saxon masters in the early twentieth century in full capitulation to the *white man's burden*? That study is a study of history of rise and fall of empires in all its broad dimensions and has been repeated many times by others. A notable reading is Philip K. Hitti's *History of the Arabs*. Such is not the direction of this far humbler work. This study principally examines the narrow question which to this scribe's knowledge has not been addressed in Muslim and non-Muslim scholarship alike: Has the Holy Qur'an, the Book of divine guidance to the pious, itself contributed to its own "subversion"? Meaning, its own proclaimed goal of **أُمَّةٌ مُسْلِمَةٌ** , a single Muslim nation:

"Our Lord! make of us Muslims, bowing to Thy (Will), and of our progeny a Muslim nation, bowing to Thy (will); and show us our place for the celebration of (due) rites; and turn unto us (in Mercy); for Thou art the Oft-Returning, Most Merciful." (Arabic رَبَّنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا مُسْلِمِينَ لَكَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِنَا أُمَّةٌ مُسْلِمَةٌ لَكَ وَأَرِنَا مَنَاسِكَنَا وَتُبْ عَلَيْنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara 2:128

This is a frightening question to ask, let alone explore with unabated courage. But it is a legitimate question to inquire into because its seeds are directly planted in the Holy Qur'an itself, just waiting to be ploughed by an alert mind seeking the fruits of its divine message rather than foolishly parrot its words without comprehension as a cultural inheritance in socially acceptable ritualistic ways:

'Then the Messenger will say: **"O my Lord! Truly my people took this Qur'an for just foolish nonsense."** (Arabic: وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ يَا رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Furqaan 25:30

And what are those seeds planted in the Holy Qur'an which further beg the question of inquiry in this study – apart from the Prophet of Islam himself condemning his people as vouched by the Holy Qur'an above? Witness:

"Mankind was but one nation, but differed (later). Had it not been for a Word that went forth before from thy Lord, their differences would have been settled between them." (Arabic: وَمَا كَانَ النَّاسُ إِلَّا أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَاخْتَلَفُوا وَلَوْلَا كَلِمَةٌ سَبَقَتْ مِنْ رَبِّكَ لَفُضِّيَ بَيْنَهُمْ فِيمَا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Yunus 10:19

"If Allah had so willed, He would have made you a single people, but (His plan is) to test you in what He hath given you: so strive as in a race in all virtues. The goal of you all is to Allah; it is He that will show you the truth of the matters in which ye dispute." (Arabic: وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَجَعَلَكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَكِنْ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُمْ فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Maeda verse fragment 5:48

It says it right there – in the momentous words of the Holy Qur'an: ***"If Allah had so willed, He would have made you a single people,"!*** And ***"Had it not been for a Word that went forth before from thy Lord, their differences would have been settled between them."*** Had God wanted to, matters of disunity would have been settled in the very beginning. But, the verse of the Holy Qur'an vouches, it was by the Lord's Word instead, that differences arose, and the settlement day deferred to be the Day of Reckoning:

"And for every nation there is a messenger. And when their messenger cometh (on the Day of Judgment) it will be judged between them fairly, and they will not be wronged." (Arabic: وَلِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولٌ فَابْدَأْ جَاءَ رَسُولُهُمْ فَضِيَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِالْقِسْطِ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Yunus 10:47

But, until then, ***“(His plan is) to test you in what He hath given you: so strive as in a race in all virtues. The goal of you all is to Allah; it is He that will show you the truth of the matters in which ye dispute.”*** And that divine plan is one of choice for man, whether man is thankful or unthankful for the guidance:

“Surely We have shown him the way: he may be thankful or unthankful.” (Arabic: **إِنَّا هَدَيْنَاهُ السَّبِيلَ إِمَّا شَاكِرًا وَإِمَّا كَفُورًا**) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-insaan 76:3

The topic of inter-civilizational and inter-religion striving for **فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ** (transliteration fass-tabi-qul-khairaat), **“as in a race in all virtues”** (5:48 quoted above), has already been examined in the study Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization where religion as socialization among different peoples of different religions, cultures, and civilizations, is explored in some depth.

The same considerations apply to Muslims as well who, as one empirically observes, also become divided into sects and nations by way of socialization and inheritance no differently than the rest of the people on earth.

An alert mind can therefore legitimately inquire into the same Qur'anic concepts noted above also being applicable among Muslims themselves! Had God wanted to, He could have surely clarified all matters in the Holy Qur'an unambiguously, but as we shall discover in this study done through the metaphor of Mr. Spock, the Author of the Holy Qur'an instead announced the following:

“He it is Who has sent down to thee the Book: In it are verses basic or fundamental (of established meaning); they are the foundation of the Book: others are allegorical. But those in whose hearts is perversity follow the part thereof that is allegorical, seeking discord, and searching for its hidden meanings, but no one knows its hidden meanings except Allah. And those who are firmly grounded in knowledge say: 'We believe in the Book; the whole of it is from our Lord:' and none will grasp the Message except men of understanding.” (Arabic: **هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ مِنْهُ آيَاتٌ مُحْكَمَاتٌ هُنَّ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ وَأُخَرُ مُتَشَابِهَاتٌ فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ زَيْغٌ فَيَتَّبِعُونَ مَا تَشَابَهَ مِنْهُ ابْتِغَاءَ الْفِتْنَةِ وَابْتِغَاءَ تَأْوِيلِهِ وَمَا يَعْلَمُ تَأْوِيلَهُ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَالرَّاسِخُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَقُولُونَ آمَنَّا بِهِ كُلٌّ مِنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّنَا تَشَابَهَ مِنْهُ ابْتِغَاءَ الْفِتْنَةِ وَابْتِغَاءَ تَأْوِيلِهِ وَمَا يَعْلَمُ تَأْوِيلَهُ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَالرَّاسِخُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَقُولُونَ آمَنَّا بِهِ كُلٌّ مِنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّنَا وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ**) Holy Qur'an Surah Aal-'Imran, 3:7

As is examined in-depth later on, the afore-quoted verse 3:7 of Surah Aal-'Imran lends prima facie justification into this inquiry which is evidently long overdue (by fourteen centuries it would appear). The poorly understood nature of sectarianism among Muslims which is always examined as events of history and not as a prima facie consequence of the scriptures themselves, testifies to this bold observation. Just as the **“Word”** (**وَلَوْ لَا كَلِمَةٌ**) caused differences to appear among mankind to be settled on the Day of Reckoning: ***“And when their messenger cometh (on the Day of Judgment) it will be judged between them fairly, and they will not be wronged.”***, did the Qur'anic Word also deliberately induce differences to appear among the Muslims for the same considerations: ***“(His plan is) to test you in what He hath given you: so strive as in a race in all virtues. The goal of you all is to Allah; it is He that will show you the truth of the matters in which ye dispute.”***, and to offer the same choice: ***“Surely We have shown him the way: he may be thankful or unthankful.”***, in almost exactly the same parallel:

“One day We shall call together all human beings with their (respective) Imams” (Arabic: **يَوْمَ نَدْعُو كُلَّ أُنَاسٍ بِإِمَامِهِمْ**) Holy Qur'an, Surah al-Israa' 17:71

It is like opening the Pandora's box – but as the legend declares, if one has the patience and the determination to dig through to its very bottom, the understanding will be found.

A cautionary negative side effect falls out from the afore-quoted verse 17:71 which is perhaps pertinent to

mention here just briefly before continuing. The Holy Qur'an emphatically avers that all human beings will be held to account on the Day of Judgment in the company of the leader, the Imam, they each followed. So if one correctly followed any Prophet of God, since Messengers have been sent to all peoples, no problem for them, as expected. That is the pluralism of Islam – the only religion bequeathed by antiquity to the modern world to espouse such liberalism. See Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization for details. But what if one inadvertently made a fast-talking ignoramus one's "Imam"; or followed learned discourses written by kings and shrewd apprentices of Machiavelli who obfuscated and subverted the religions to control their peoples; or simply remained socialized under the iconic authority figures they grew up with? It would be hell to pay on the Day of Judgment – for both Muslims and non-Muslims alike, since verse 17:71 is addressed to all human beings. You are whom you follow and learn from – better choose your teachers and Imams wisely! That's the principal Qur'anic message here, to Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus, to all human beings whatever their persuasion and inheritance. Also see verses 2:166-167 of Surah Al-Baqara quoted below.

Coming back to the main theme of opening a Pandora's box in this inquiry, the Holy Qur'an's focus upon the virtuous, هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ (verse 2:2 above), those who are perpetually on the *straight path* of becoming the *perfectman* (or *marde-momin*, as eloquently captured by the twentieth century poet-philosopher of Muslims from the Indian sub-continent, Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, in contrast to the nihilistic *Nietzscheian superman* who is *beyond good and evil*, the *ubermensch*, born after killing god, and becoming god himself, see Morality derived from the Intellect leads to Enslavement!), also seems rather simplistic on the surface. Especially so in a modernity which is run entirely by soulless, psychopathic, Machiavellian, Nietzscheian, manipulative controllers who create *prisoners of the cave* with the ease of perception management described by Plato in *The Republic*.

What can the virtuous possibly ever do to overcome that perception management for regimented social control if they only journey from cradle to grave as *prisoners of the cave*? (Refer back to the Mighty Wurlitzer, Chapter 2 in this book)

Plato's book was written one thousand years before the Holy Qur'an was disseminated to mankind in Arabia. And it begs the pertinent question: has the Holy Qur'an provided any recipe for extracting oneself from the matrix of perception management for *prisoners of the cave*? Can a *prisoner of the cave* ever escape the chains of the cave using purely his own cognitive reasoning abilities? Is logical examination of observed facts based on the five human senses, the empiricism of scientists, alone sufficient to extract oneself from such perception-management which is now akin to mind-control?

The rational materialist scientists oft proclaim of their left-brain dominated scientific processes:

“The only means of knowledge is reasoning from observed facts; The senses provide our only direct contact with reality; Pure logical thinking cannot yield us any knowledge of the empirical world; all knowledge of reality starts from experience and ends in it;” (Albert Einstein, as noted by Dr. Abdus Salam in his Nobel speech, 1979)

A thoughtful reading of Plato's *Myth of the Cave* is essential to appreciate the depth and dimensions of this question. The reader is referred to Plato if he is unfamiliar with the simile of the cave. This question, which addresses the mind that is itself under intense psychological manipulation by both socialization and Machiavellian forces and therefore, it being a self-referential problem, appears intractable using only empirical and experiential logic.

This question is therefore at the very heart of epistemology – the study of knowledge, how we know what we

know. The totality of cognitive, subliminal, and primal forces diabolically manipulating the mind which remain entirely incognizant to the logical mind, known as psychological forces, compound the already self-referential problem. Twentieth century Austrian logician, mathematician and philosopher, Kurt Friedrich Gödel, demonstrated the intractability of such a problem if it is constrained to the dimension in which the problem is formulated, in his *Incompleteness Theorem*. One has to transcend to a higher dimension which contains the dimension of the problem being solved within it, in order to examine the lower dimension's axioms for self-consistency and completeness. This is as true in mathematics and in immanent philosophy, as perhaps in practicably escaping the mental chains of *Plato's Cave*. Perhaps we shall also uncover that dimension, a higher evolutionary consciousness which transcends the five senses and simplistic notions of piety, in this study and come up with some sensible understanding of Islam's role in addressing this question as well.

Before we can follow Mr. Spock's trail of discovery of the Holy Qur'an, some further elaboration on the *Mr. Spock* metaphor is necessary for those unfamiliar with Star Trek and don't immediately get the concept of the logic mind in contrast to the intuitive mind.

Why Mr. Spock Abstraction

Briefly introduced as an abstraction at the conclusion of Part-I as a lead into the analytical study of the Holy Qur'an, Mr. Spock is a fictional character from the 1960s television series fable called Star Trek. As fables usually are, this fable also carries within it many intriguing lessons. Mr. Spock is a useful literary device for purely logical and purely analytical exploration of any subject matter. That is so because this character possesses no intuitive understanding of, or susceptibility to, faith or to faith inducing artifacts including socialization, love, hate, emotional attachments, imagination, intuition, gut-feel, etc. Mr. Spock only goes by facts alone, and reasons by factual logic alone, in a very sterile methodical manner like a computer. He is strictly bound by causality which is empirical, and not fettered by imagination and intuition which perpetually remain beyond the bounds of causality.

Since Mr. Spock is entirely what might be classically called “left brained”, the spiritual aspects of the Holy Qur'an which often impact the human heart and imagination, the human soul, have no impact on him. This “left brained” metaphor for mathematically precise logical behavior requires some elaboration for readers unfamiliar with the anatomy of the human brain.

The human brain is principally in two distinguishable halves, the left and the right. For an undamaged brain which hasn't re-mapped its functions to its non-damaged parts in the self-healing process of an injured brain, the left-half typically deals in the more concrete matters of logic, analytical reasoning, engineering, math and science. And the right-half typically deals in the abstract, creative, artistic, verbal, linguistic, imaginative, poetic, spiritual, insight that is intuition based, and intuition and inspiration related matters that are not necessarily bound by causality and empiricism.

Narrowly specialized scientists generally tend to have left-half brain dominance which is what makes many of them such dorks on spiritual matters but brilliant in scientific endeavors. Whereas narrowly specialized artists and touch-feely people generally tend to have right-half brain dominance which is what often makes some so hopelessly romantic, and some others great sensitive, imaginative poets. The rest of humanity is somewhere in between that spectrum, more or less on a bell curve.

The best scientists however, those not narrowly and overly specialized, well understand the role both imagination and intuition, i.e., what appears to be faith to others, plays in one's scientific pursuits. As Charles Townes, 1964 Nobel physics laureate stated it: *"Science wants to know the mechanism of the universe, religion the meaning. The two cannot be separated. Many scientists feel there is no place in research for discussion of anything that sounds mystical. But it is unreasonable to think we already know enough about the natural world to be confident about the totality of forces."* Abdus Salam, who shared the 1979 Nobel Prize in Physics with Wienberg and Glashow, noted the role of faith in physics by first reciting verses 67:3-4 of Surah Al-Mulk from the Holy Qur'an on the Nobel podium in Stockholm, and stated: *"This in effect is, the faith of all physicists; the deeper we seek, the more is our wonder excited, the more is the dazzlement for our gaze."* Arthur L. Schawlow, 1981 Nobel Prize in Physics observed: *"It seems to me that when confronted with the marvels of life and the universe, one must ask why and not just how. The only possible answers are religious. ... I find a need for God in the universe and in my own life."* And Max Planck the pioneer of modern physics, 1918 Nobel Prize in Physics, is famous for his insight (see full quote below): *"It is impossible to make a clear cut between science, religion and art."*

All these Nobel laureates espoused something far greater than logic and reasoning aptitude of the left-brain. They also engaged their right-brain to fully employ their entire mind to perceive reality. Such broad-band scientists evidently style their life's pursuits in accordance with what they perceive by imagination and faith. Since the domain is physics, it naturally lends itself to empiricism and measurement to confirm to others what one discovers running on faith and imagination. And then it becomes science. But when the domain is metaphysics which is not amenable to empiricism and measurements, demonstrating the truths one uncovers can be a difficult problem. This was demonstrated by Richard P. Feynman, 1965 Nobel Prize in Physics, by his *out of body* experiments in a sensory deprivation tank in which he experienced a state of mind and consciousness which no one else can reproduce, let alone measure. And this problem was also marvelously portrayed by Rudyard Kipling in his novel "Kim". Once the lama discovers the *River of the Arrow* after a lifetime of quest, he is unable to explain its wondrousness to anyone, including to his most ardent disciple!

That is the general problem of subjectivity inherent in imagination and intuition, gut-feel and insight, the purview of the right-brain abstraction. The two halves together constitute human consciousness --- the *raison d'être* for the human mind which enabled the human Captain Kirk to trump the logic-only Mr. Spock every single time in every Star Trek episode. We see that both literature and science understand the meta logic of the mind – that it is not constrained by logic, causality, or being able to measure something quantifiably in order to assert its existence, in its most heightened state of awareness.

This is obviously a first order model because human beings are clearly multifaceted and rather complex. Scientists have barely scratched the surface of the human mind even though the human brain has already been under the modern microscope for well over a hundred years, and even though much understanding has been gained on behavioral and cognitive psychology fronts which form the core basis of modern behavior control via perception management and propaganda. See the report Behavior Control: Architecture of Modern Propaganda for comprehending the degree of perception management achieved in today's modernity where the difference between reality and the image of reality is akin to day and night.

All of Mr. Spock's brain is what would be only the left-half brain in humans, multiplied by two to occupy the entire cranial space which is the same physical size as in humans.

Thus, using Spock to perform this narrow study is equivalent to using an IR filter in a camera to block out

unwanted infra red wavelengths from being captured in the image and leaving its indelible artifacts upon the image, when one is specifically only interested in seeing what the image looks like in the narrow visible light spectrum. This is also called controlling the selectivity in engineering parlance. Mr. Spock's limitation of not having what we humans have in the right-half brain, lends a natural selectivity switch for intellectually understanding the Holy Qur'an without interference from the spiritual right-half brain which typically drives matters pertinent to human faith.

This is only a useful abstraction, an intellectual tool, and not to be taken too literally – for first and foremost, the Holy Qur'an is a spiritual message to mankind: to believe in an unseen Creator **يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ** on faith alone! (verse 2:3)

The Holy Qur'an asks man to believe in several matters of Divine provenance which defy man's analytical and experiential logic, such as Revelation, Prophethood, Resurrection, Day of Judgment, Hereafter, Heaven, Hell, etc. But these do not defy the spirit of man whose essence is clearly spiritual, i.e., non material. Empiricism indicates that man, despite the overt formulation of his material body, is not just a collection of atoms and chemical reactions which can be analytically reasoned about in a laboratory or in philosophy (despite the insistence of scientists & philosophers). Love, moral-sense, self-sacrifice, the language of the heart and its tribulations, all defy pat formulations of the materialist. The intellect which enslaves the heart often turns it into stone. (See Morality derived from the Intellect leads to Enslavement!) The twentieth century poet-philosopher of Muslims, Muhammad Iqbal who endeavored to free man from the shackles of all servitude to fellow man and to his enslaving intellectual ideologies, put it this way in a famous verse in Urdu:

صبح ازل یہ مجھ سے کہا جبرئیل نے

جو عقل کا غلام ہو ، وہ دل نہ کر قبول

Subh-e-Azal yeh Mujh Se Kaha Jibraeel Ne

Jo Aqal Ka Ghulam Ho Woh Dil Na Ker Qabool (transliteration, [listen](#))

'Gabriel on the Morning of Creation a piece of useful counsel gave:

Accept not the heart from a beloved whose mind enslaves it' (Kalaam-e-Iqbal, Zarbe-e-Kaleem)

And Rabindranath Tagore put the limitations of one sided use of the intellect thusly:

“A mind all logic is like a knife all blade. It makes the hand bleed that uses it.”

What gives a protective handle to this “*knife all blade*”, and breathes humanity into this collection of atoms and molecules called man, is a spiritual essence, and it is to that essence that the Holy Qur'an speaks for imparting spiritual guidance, to the **هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ** who believe in the unseen **يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ** (verses 2:2-3), while also inviting reflection with logic and analytical reasoning (verses 67:3-4; 6:76-79). Neither is sufficient by itself for human beings. We require both logic and reason (left-half brain) to understand cognitively, and imagination and faith (right-half brain) to perceive spiritually. The left-brain parses the language of logic. The right-brain parses the language of the heart. To ignore either brain function is to deliberately be one-eyed when most are endowed with two for full depth perception. Such full spectrum comprehension with both eyes, the eye of logic and reason, and the eye of faith and intuition, enables thwarting cognitive as well as subliminal infiltration used for perception management and behavior control by the vile among mankind. It helps man perceive and react to reality the way it is rather than the way it is made manifest on the screen of Plato's cave.

(See [Introduction Prisoners of the Cave](#))

Abstractions like the one employed here therefore can help formulate and understand an otherwise intractable problem by breaking it down into logical components. This can be done recursively to each component until one gets down to a level at which one can completely (or at least satisfactorily) comprehend or manage it. However, as Max Planck sensibly wrote on the process of knowledge acquisition demonstrating that he well understood the role of both the left and right half brain abstractions in the service of the entire mind seeking knowledge:

“Modern physics has taught us that the nature of any system cannot be discovered by dividing it into its component parts and studying each part by itself, since such a method often implies the loss of important properties of the system. We must keep our attention fixed on the whole and on the interconnection between the parts. ... The same is true of our intellectual life. It is impossible to make a clear cut between science, religion and art. The whole is never equal simply to the sum of its various parts.” (Max Planck, Partly cited in *Critique of Western Philosophy and Social Theory* By David Sprintzen, pg. 76)

To engage such abstract analytical methods one requires a great deal of selectivity as a tool to enable focussing on matters pertinent to each level of abstraction. After the decomposition exercise is completed, reassembling the smaller well-understood pieces into an interconnected greater whole enables conquering the once insurmountable problem.

This additive reassembly is often termed superposition in engineering parlance. In the illustrative example, it is akin to removing the IR filter from the camera to see what the composite image finally looks like in the presence of the unseen-to-the-naked-eye infrared wavelengths.

Since human beings are a combination of BOTH, left and right half brain which perform different functions, it would be foolish to take a one-half brained understanding of any matter as the complete understanding of the matter when we actually possess two distinct halves to yield to us a much greater and richer understanding when we maximally use both halves. But it can be quite insightful to use each half independently, employing tools pertinent to each, and superpositioning the understanding gleaned separately from the two different halves into a greater whole.

It is pertinent to recall from Star Trek that the captain, James T. Kirk, is a human being who draws upon Mr. Spock's analytical abilities as needed, but runs his ship as a human being, full of intuition, full of insights, gut feels, and other non-logical things which bedevil Mr. Spock. But doing so enables the ship's captain to do far more than the solely logical Mr. Spock ever can. The interesting characteristic of Spock is that he does not deny nor oppose the understanding acquired via the right-half brain by the captain. He merely accepts that it is not within his limited capabilities, being a solely left-half brained creature, to fully comprehend the captain's intuitions. Such logic of acceptance might shame the humility challenged who reduce human beings to the material lives of a cell!

So we use Mr. Spock just as Captain Kirk uses him for logical analysis, and no more.

Let's now follow Mr. Spock's trail of discovery on that aforementioned narrow question whose exploration is surprisingly very broad.

The Holy Qur'an is not a book of literature

The first thing Mr. Spock did before he began his study was to classify the genre of the Holy Qur'an as a law book, as a rule book, as a specification manual, as a specific message conveyed through a Messenger, rather than as a book of literature, fiction, poetry, philosophy, theosophy, mysticism, science, or history. Spock recognized the import of such a core classification. He understood that the Holy Qur'an was a message by its Author to its audience. It was like an important letter or cipher conveying a singular message. Therefore, accurate extraction and understanding of the message was essential in the exact context conveyed by the Author of the Message, and not in the context of the reader – or the reader can misunderstand and misinterpret the message or parts of the message, and believe and act in ways not intended by the Author. And Mr. Spock of course was embarking on his study of the Holy Qur'an in order to learn exactly what the Author of the Holy Qur'an had specifically intended to convey in that Message as opposed to how he might interpret it on his own fancy.

Being of logical and sensible scientific acumen, Mr. Spock well understood the difference between reading literature which is amenable to personal interpretation and localized understanding such as what does a poem or philosophy mean to a human being or to a culture (in their own particular circumstance), and reading a rules and regulations manual delivered in a particular cultural context, or a design specification manual in a particular technology, where there is no room for personal and localized interpretation otherwise one gets it wrong and fails the interoperability and system integration tests. One has to comprehend exactly what the author has stated and meant, both in the letter and the spirit of the specification in the totality of the system specification.

Imagine trying to interpret the DMV driver's manual for the rules of the road, or the income tax code by one's own fancy. It is empirical that in the latter cases one endeavors to exactly understand what the relevant authority has meant to convey in its own, often convoluted, legalese language of expression and cultural context, or one does not pass the driver's license test and gets a tax audit, respectively! Foreigners coming to the United States for instance, have to learn English and the road rules and road signs which are in English, in order to pass the DMV driving test which is particular to each of its fifty states. No Pakistani can try to interpret these unfamiliar traffic rules in his or her own Pakistani cultural context – which would be absurd and rather hazardous in any case if one is driving in the streets of America.

Even though Mr. Spock is left brained and does not interpret based on personal inclination by definition, doing his due diligence to address the posed question, he classified the Holy Qur'an as not open to personal interpretation.

Instead, Mr. Spock deemed the Holy Qur'an akin to a cipher which must be deciphered into a singular *plaintext*. Correct deciphering entails exactly recovering the *plaintext* message which its Author has meant to convey through the cipher.

The result of this classification has far reaching consequences for the question posed at the top. And this is the first commonsense conclusion Mr. Spock reached – without even opening the Holy Qur'an.

Knowing that human beings are generally prone to the right-half brain interfering via personal subjectivity in even logical matters, he logically deduces that people would also try to interpret the Holy Qur'an according to their own proclivities and socialization contexts just as they might a fine book of literature or poetry.

That instead of first judiciously trying to comprehend the principles which the Author of the Holy Qur'an had laid down in its specification in both letter and in spirit (as when using the DMV manual for instance to pass the driver's license test) and then applying those principles to one's own epoch (just as one might apply the

DMV traffic rule book to one's own specific road conditions), the believers of the religion of Islam would be naturally inclined to interpret the Holy Qur'an in their own respective socialization contexts.

And therefore, when they did that, they would each understand something different from reading or hearing the same text and that would explain the empiricism of Muslims being always divided on the meanings of the same verses of the Holy Qur'an ever since the demise of the Messenger of the Author of the Holy Qur'an who had acted as its Exemplar.

This condition is akin to different human beings reading the DMV driver's handbook interpretively and coming away with a different understanding of the traffic laws because no DMV inspector is sitting next to them in the car and being their exemplar for every emerging driving condition. Wouldn't that create chaos and mayhem on the road?

The same chaos is seen on the spiritual road of Islam in the mayhem of sectarian divides and mis-interpretations when people mis-classify a spiritual specification book and sub-consciously or deliberately read it as fine subjective literature because they are taught: *read and see what the Holy Qur'an means to you!*

Imagine if the DMV inspector said that to the learner waiting patiently for his turn to pick up the DMV rule book to pass the driving test: *here take this DMV driver's manual and see what it means to you!* The burden is always upon the prospective driver to exactly learn what the DMV driver's manual intends to teach, and not what it might mean to him in his flights of fancy as a race car maniac.

The Holy Qur'an is not primarily a written book

The first thing Mr. Spock discovers upon checking out the Holy Qur'an from his space ship's library is that there is no name of author imprinted on the cover page of the Holy Qur'an. Since a name is always a proper noun, Spock decides to call its author, Author of the Holy Qur'an, or just Author (with a capitalized A).

The next thing Spock discovers is that the Holy Qur'an is really an aural tape, in Arabic, and its medium of ingestion is primarily through the ears. He is initially delighted because he has big pointed ears. So he quickly learned the Qur'anic Arabic from the computer library to the point of understanding the Arabic language (but not the lingua franca of the day in which the Holy Qur'an was made manifest as a Book – Mr. Spock hasn't as yet discovered the pertinence of lingua franca in his study). After mastering Arabic grammar, syntax, and semantics quickly (remember his left-half brain is twice the physical size of humans and thus carries an exponential higher capacity to learn), he listened intently to the entire Holy Qur'an. It made no soulful impression on him (as expected). So Mr. Spock delved directly into its contents.

But since Spock was used to reading specification manuals with his eyes-brain combination rather than ears-brain combination – despite large ears – he decided to focus on the written version of the Holy Qur'an so that he could easily sift back and forth as he would a science encyclopedia, but much more complicated in the case of the Holy Qur'an.

The Holy Qur'an, he discovered to his consternation, did not read contiguously for a topic like every other specification manual he had ever read – and being a well-traveled man of space, he had read most works of science as well as literature of not just mankind but also of many other beings in the galaxy. His captain usually quoted from the Bible and Milton, and Mr. Spock was quite familiar with their contents, if not their appreciation. Reading the Holy Qur'an as a Book and digesting its information wasn't going to be as

straightforward as Spock had imagined, having given himself only a few hours for the examination – which now stretched into days.

The Holy Qur'an is complicated to understand

While reading the Holy Qur'an sequentially, Mr. Spock discovers that the context of the verses, such as which verses are related to which verse, the antecedents and the precedents, unless the subject matter is explicit and obvious, is impossible to determine from the text of the Holy Qur'an. The Holy Qur'an does not carry the context for all the verses within it, nor the order in which the verses were revealed by the Author of the Holy Qur'an to His Messenger to convey to the people, and nor on what occasions and in which local contexts did they apply and to whom did they apply. Therefore, to infer the general meaning of a topic without having the local context is subject to error. As the causality among the various verses is impossible to ascertain with certainty in all cases from the Holy Qur'an except where it is patently obvious, it also introduces error by not always knowing all the verses and their full contexts pertinent to a topic. Mr. Spock also discovers that nor is it possible to determine the meaning of many of the allegorical verses.

Mr. Spock uncovers that verse 3:7 of Surah Aal-'Imran (quoted in the Introduction above) even confirms that no one may know their full meaning and import apart from the Author of the Holy Qur'an, and none will grasp that Message except men of great understanding. The implication of that Qur'anic statement made Mr. Spock ponder: why have verses in the Holy Qur'an which is supposedly a guidance to all mankind, which none but the Author Himself can understand: ***“but no one knows its hidden meanings except Allah”***?

Mr. Spock pushes that puzzle onto his puzzle *evaluation stack** which is steadily growing.

The verse 3:7 identifies two main category of verses in the Holy Qur'an, **آيَاتٍ مُحْكَمَاتٌ**, the foundational verses whose meaning is plain and straightforward. The verse proclaims that these constitute the heart of the Holy Qur'an, **أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ**. And **وَأُخَرُ مُتَشَابِهَاتٌ**, the allegorical verses whose meaning is not so straightforward. The verse proclaims that their layered meaning is in fact hidden, and known only to the Author.

What Mr. Spock found fascinating in this self-description of the Holy Qur'an, is the cold prediction made by the Author of the Holy Qur'an that those with perversity in their heart, or from sheer ignorance, will pursue the latter, deliberately sowing discord instead of harmony. But ***“those who are firmly grounded in knowledge”*** will not fall for this trick, and yet ***“none will grasp the Message except men of understanding.”***

Thus a significant source of misunderstanding and misreading of the Holy Qur'an is made known by the Holy Qur'an itself!

How many people who might read this Book, wondered Mr. Spock, would be ***“firmly grounded in knowledge”*** and ***“men of understanding”***?

Why such tall prerequisites in a Book of spiritual guidance for all mankind from the self-proclaimed ***“Lord of the Worlds”*** (see verse 56:80 quoted below, and 1:2)? Why posit such a high degree of mental acuity: ***“men of understanding”***, objective learning: ***“firmly grounded in knowledge”***, and spiritual enlightenment: ***“a guidance unto those who ward off (evil)”*** (see verse 2:2), as predicates in order to even fathom the Message from the ***“Lord of the Worlds”***?

Statistics alone favor a misunderstanding of the Message of the Holy Qur'an. Mr. Spock recalled the favorite

lament of interstellar-sociologists about the war-faring indoctrinated masses of human beings who had refused to evolve in several millennia, and remained under the unrestrained control of Machiavelli despite the never-ending stream of prophets that its literatures in many human languages proclaimed to have visited them:

'at best less than 2% of the people think, about 8% think they think, and 90% wouldn't be caught dead thinking!'

Mr. Spock further notes that the Author of the Holy Qur'an in verse 4:59 of Surah an-Nisaa' had delegated His command Authority to His Messenger and Exemplar at the same precedence level of obedience as He demanded for Himself:

“O ye who believe! **Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger, and those charged with authority among you.** If ye differ in anything among yourselves, refer it to Allah and His Messenger, if ye do believe in Allah and the Last Day: That is best, and most suitable for final determination.” (Arabic: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنْ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا) Holy Qur'an, Surah an-Nisaa' 4:59

But what the Messenger had conveyed to his people based on this divinely delegated authority and which was made binding upon the people by the Author of the Holy Qur'an, had not been recorded in the Holy Qur'an apart from the fact of this delegation of authority!

For example, in the above quoted verse, who are **“those charged with authority among you”** as the extension of the Exemplar, are not unambiguously identified by name in the Holy Qur'an.

Mr. Spock is perplexed by the fact that only the Author's own message is preserved in the Holy Qur'an, and not those articulated by the Messenger, even though the Messenger, by the accurate grammatical parsing of verse 4:59, has equal command obedience authority to the Author. Therefore, whatever the Messenger of the Author gives to his people as guidance, doctrine, or verdict, or explains to them as Exemplar of the Holy Qur'an, obeying it has the same obligation as if the Author Himself issued the directive in the Holy Qur'an.

While the Exemplar was living among his peoples, his followers were surely informed of all the contextual matters pertaining to adequate comprehension of all آيَاتُ مُحْكَمَاتٍ , the foundational verses in the Holy Qur'an, such as who are the persons identified as **“those charged with authority among you”** to whom, evidently, by the logic of the verse, command obedience is as obligatory as to the Prophet of Islam himself.

Mr. Spock is baffled. The Muslim flock is ordered to Obey the Messenger in all that the Messenger conveys, but these articles of obedience, and exponentiation of the full context of the Qur'anic verses, are not recorded in the Holy Qur'an by the Author of the Holy Qur'an.

How are the succeeding generations to know? From the doubtful hands of fallible scribes and partisan narratives of imperial history? This seemed very illogical to Mr. Spock. It created a primary paradox for a Book which claimed to have “no doubt” and “perfected” (as per verses 2:2 and 5:3 quoted earlier).

Mr. Spock realized that a perpetual open-ended gaping hole is left in the Qur'anic guidance system to mankind. Spock wondered if that was calculated, to introduce deliberate ambiguousness in the specification, just as the presence of آيَاتُ مُتَشَابِهَاتٍ , the allegorical verses described in verse 3:7 quoted earlier, was deliberate in order to mislead those with perversity in their heart: **“But those in whose hearts is perversity follow the part thereof that is allegorical, seeking discord, and searching for its hidden meanings, but no one knows its hidden meanings except Allah.”**

What could be the Author's motive to offer such an ambiguous specification to mankind which could deliberately mislead them? Is it perhaps part of the process of spiritual ascendance in Islam, pondered Mr. Spock at the illogic of an ambiguous specification which proclaimed itself to be universal guidance to mankind, by which man is supposed to elevate himself (and herself) with the help of divine guidance to those who are cleansed of hearts, to the status of Ashraf-ul-Makloolat, the best in creation? For the verse fragment 4:59 continues: **“If ye differ in anything among yourselves, refer it to Allah and His Messenger, if ye do believe in Allah and the Last Day: That is best, and most suitable for final determination.”**

This appears convoluted (at least on the surface). First, the specification is deliberately made ambiguous. Then it is noted that it is okay if you disagree – **“There is no compulsion in religion.”** (2:256 quoted above) – just refer the matter to the Author or His Messenger or to those unnamed who are charged with authority among you, while also reminding the flock the oft repeated admonishment of the Day of Accountability so as not to fall victim to personal whims and fancies, but to strictly accept and follow what is given to them. Since the Messenger is no longer living in subsequent epochs, that additional directive of verse 4:59 can logically only mean: refer all matters of disagreement, or confusion, to Allah, or, to **“those charged with authority among you”** (if they are still living), because they are a divine extension of the authority of the Messenger. Furthermore, the Author, who introduced the Holy Qur'an as **“A Revelation from the Lord of the Worlds”**, also asserts that it has made Its definitive reference handbook available to all peoples, for all times, **“In a Book well-guarded”**:

“That this is indeed a Qur'an Most Honourable,	إِنَّهُ لَقُرْآنٌ كَرِيمٌ
In a Book well-guarded,	فِي كِتَابٍ مَكْنُونٍ
Which none shall touch but those who are clean (purified)	لَا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ
A Revelation from the Lord of the Worlds.	تَنْزِيلٌ مِنْ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
Is it such a Message that ye would hold in light esteem?”	أَفَبِهَذَا الْحَدِيثِ أَنْتُمْ مُدْهِنُونَ

Caption Holy Qur'an Surah Al-Waqia, 56:77-78-79-80-81

Such a momentous conflict resolution protocol and yet **“those charged with authority among you”** go unnamed in the Holy Qur'an. What a cipher!

However, Mr. Spock's ever vigilant mind observes that the Holy Qur'an refers to itself as *al-Furqaan*, **الْفُرْقَانُ**, the criterion by which to judge and adjudicate the truth or falsity of all matters, and all propositions, pertaining to Islam:

“Blessed is He who sent down the criterion to His servant, that it may be an admonition to all creatures;” (Holy Qur'an Surah al-Furqaan 25:1)

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْفُرْقَانَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ لِيَكُونَ لِلْعَالَمِينَ نَذِيرًا

Therefore, Mr. Spock reasons based on the unequivocal assertion of these verses, that the gaping holes which he had identified as an impediment to understanding the Holy Qur'an, indeed appeared deliberate, and by

design. They were certainly not inadvertent.

But Mr. Spock also could see that their resolution, if it was of pertinence as guidance to man, according to the Author of the Holy Qur'an was also present in the Holy Qur'an itself. The Holy Qur'an contained within itself, by its own assertion, the complete criterion by which to adjudicate all that appeared unknown and ambiguous in the Holy Qur'an if it was to be knowable by man, because, after all, as was claimed by its Author, it was a Book in which there is “no doubt” *ذَٰلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ*, and which had been “perfected” as a “religion” *الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ* (as per verses 2:2 and 5:3 quoted earlier).

There couldn't be any holes in the specification which could not be unequivocally resolved if these statements are taken to be truthful and on face value. Mr. Spock decided to entertain these assertions because that's what the specification stated, rather than hastily conclude based on what he had studied thus far, that the Holy Qur'an was fallacious.

But that comforting realization based on the logic of the statements of the Holy Qur'an, does not by itself solve the problem for the ever logical Mr. Spock because of the inherent incompleteness of context specification, causality specification, and verse 3:7 statement which bizarrely asserted **“but no one knows its hidden meanings except Allah”?**

Which sensible author ever composes a major specification like that, wherein, he first claims it is for everyone to follow as essential specification, but then includes clauses, ambiguities, and allegories which no one other than the author himself can understand? Mr. Spock had not encountered a specification or an Author like this one in the entire cosmos.

Furthermore, because the specification is now incomprehensible at first glance with many unknowns rather than straightforward, not only is it enormously time consuming to figure it all out (assuming it is possible to do so), perhaps even requiring “experts” like jurist-doctors and other narrow-gauge specialists to expound it, but it is also replete with the subjectivity inherent in such exercise. Different human beings having different levels of brain-power, psychological bent of mind, socialization, and perception biases naturally tend to understand things differently when they try to figure it all out based on their own study and due diligence. This is why even rational and most logical scientific people will still disagree on many matters when these extend into the purview of human subjectivity and opinion mongering from cold empiricism that is amenable to experimentation and scientific measurement.

And here Mr. Spock realizes is the next core-reason for human beings to understand the same text of the Holy Qur'an differently from each other.

The moment Muslims and non-Muslims alike, step outside the pages of the Holy Qur'an to gather what was incomplete in the Holy Qur'an as a specification which can be fully comprehended – namely, the temporal and social context of the Qur'anic verses for which they were revealed, their causality, the identification of the unknown persons and events, and what the Exemplar had explained to the people for twenty three years by the authority explicitly delegated to him as in verse 4:59, called *the Sunnah of the Prophet* – by perusing the pages of history, or vicariously from their cultural contexts as most are wont, they fall unwitting victim to socialization and history-writing artifacts. Including, books upon books, and treatise upon treatise of scholarly opinions compiled by people other than the Author of the Holy Qur'an, under the suzerainty of the most oppressive dynastic kingdoms and rulers among the Muslims. (See Part-I , Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization , and Islam vs. Secular Humanism and World Government for what socialization and history-writing artifacts mean.)

Mr. Spock is struck by the remarkable disparity of preservation between the *Sunnah of the Prophet* by doubtful hands in history and the Author's own pristine words for which He claimed there was "no doubt", despite the assurances from the Holy Qur'an that it contains the criterion for deciding all pertinent matters.

Why is the full and complete message of Islam not straightforwardly recorded within the Holy Qur'an itself?

Why is it left to the native human scribes who are never immune to socialization and prejudicial artifacts themselves in the best case, and self-interest in the worst?

Was the *Sunnah* of the Prophet of Islam merely intended to be ephemeral, temporal, only binding upon the then existing people for the limited lifetime of the Exemplar, and not of any pertinence to subsequent generations of Muslims? If the *Sunnah* was of pertinence in perpetuity, then why was it not recorded in the same Holy Qur'an for the same degree of its preservation as the verses of the Holy Qur'an themselves, especially when the command obedience to both is on par?

Did the Author of the Holy Qur'an who claims to be the Creator of mankind, not know that its recording will be at the capricious whim and fancy of the rulers, the obliging narrators, and subject to the artifacts of historicity, hagiography, and other narrative vestigials under the forces of socialization, coercion, perception management, hidden motivations, human weaknesses, and the cumulative hystereses of cultural memories of every group and sect who'd be passing it on as legacy to the next generation? That, noisy cultural texts susceptible to myth amplification and all inconvenient truth attenuation, would become the key source of interpretation of the pristine guidance to mankind, a perfection, as claimed by the Holy Qur'an?

Or, as Mr. Spock reasoned, is the Holy Qur'an itself to be used to separate the chaff from the wheat? How is that possible to the same level of reliability for socialized texts written by fallible human scribes with hidden motivations and vested interests over a period of centuries, as the pristine text of the Holy Qur'an which all Muslims accept remains un-tampered by the hand of human scribes? Mr. Spock wondered how could a specification which claimed to be divine guidance for هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ in which there was "no doubt", require Muslims in subsequent generations to put their faith in the hands of these scribes of history whose mother's name they even did not know? It was illogical.

Mr. Spock pondered at the stark contrast between this, and the Holy Qur'an asking the people to put their faith in the Prophet of Islam who, as was observed in the Holy Qur'an, not only belonged to a well known prophetic pedigree, but as the historical narratives unanimously affirmed, within his own lifetime among his own peoples had been anointed "Sadiq" and "Ameen", the most truthful, and the most trustworthy, by the peoples themselves even before he brought the Message of the Holy Qur'an to them.

No such guarantees are vouchsafed for these largely unknown scribes of history who claim to have gathered the *Sunnah* of the Prophet of Islam some two centuries later amidst the cloud of internecine violence and tyrannical rulers – and as Mr. Spock reasonably asked, what value is anyone's piousness to another, except to oneself? In any case, how can anyone judge another's piety, intentions, hidden motivations, proclivities, bent of mind? By how many times they are reputed to have bowed in prostration? Besides, they could be blithering idiots, *house niggers*, or Machiavellis and still live on their forehead. There are plenty of Muslim Stooges in the Service of Empire in every epoch. Society today lends substantial empiricism to hold that conclusion. See for instance, [Response to the Fatwa on Terrorism in the Service of Empire](#) as an example of a Muslim cleric's selective story-telling to service empire. He was rewarded with a place-seating next to the massa at the 2011 World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. His 600-page Fatwa on Terrorism was published with much fanfare in the UK and will survive as long as the empire needs the 'war on terror'. Anyone examining that

document a hundred years from now will firmly believe in that narrative, penned by a Muslim scholar no less, for there won't be any dissenting voices on the bookshelves deconstructing its egregious omissions of vile servility to empire. Arguably, the survival of the names of Muslim scribes and their prodigious works through the vicissitudes of history had a lot more to do with ruling interests, than necessarily their own merit.

It is visible even today for works of scholarship which tend to never make it to the bookshelves, or simply disappear even from prestigious libraries, if they oppose the paradigms of ruling interests. The books listed in Recommended Reading is evidence of that tortuous fact. Except for one, I believe all are out of print, and rarely available even in public libraries. They might even disappear from the Internet someday and possessing them may even be deemed a *thought crime*, just as is depicted in the fable by George Orwell, 1984.

And behold, Mr. Spock, while diligently perusing the Holy Qur'an, encounters this remarkable warning by the Author of the Holy Qur'an to precisely clarify just this matter, almost as if it was waiting there patiently all this time for someone like Mr. Spock to precisely ponder that dilemma:

“(On the day) when those who were followed disown those who followed (them), and they behold the doom, and all their aims collapse with them. And those who were but followers will say: If a return were possible for us, we would disown them even as they have disowned us. Thus will Allah show them their own deeds as anguish for them, and they will not emerge from the Fire.” (Surah Al-Baqara, 2:166-167)

إِذْ تَبَرَّأَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا مِنَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا وَرَأَوْا الْعَذَابَ وَتَقَطَّعَتْ بِهِمُ الْأَسْبَابُ
وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا لَوْ أَنَّا كَرِهْنَا فَنَتَّبِعَهُمْ مِنْهُمْ كَمَا تَبِعُوا مِنَّا كَذَلِكَ يُرِيدُهُمُ اللَّهُ أَغْمِيَالَهُمْ حَسِرَاتٍ عَلَيْهِمْ وَمَا هُمْ
بِخَارِجِينَ مِنَ النَّارِ

So here we have a self-proclaimed Divine Guidance System which is not fully specified, requiring going to a multitude of human scribes outside the Holy Qur'an to learn the *Sunnah* of the Prophet of Islam, while its Author simultaneously issues the warning not to follow others (blindly). Also see the earlier cautionary discussion on verse 17:71 above.

Then whom to follow? Where to get the *Sunnah* from? How does one differentiate between following blindly and following due to socialization? Aren't they exactly the same thing? How does one tell fact from fiction, mis-interpretation from dis-information, plausible sounding from actuality, in the presence of Machiavelli who can enact *prisoners of the cave* generations downstream by the fiat of writing the historical narratives of its liking? Besides, the natural process of myth amplification, inconvenient truth attenuation, even when empires are not built upon it, makes parsing of any history always tentative, and seldom definitive. Even incontrovertible facts can be cradled in differing contexts to give them different meanings and justifications out of vested interests.

Furthermore, not everyone in mankind has the natural skills to be a doctor, scientist, or engineer, anymore than the ordinary peoples among the masses have the time or the talent to become scholars of the Holy Qur'an and study all matters for themselves first hand. Therefore, most are naturally inclined to follow “experts” whom they revere. These “experts” themselves, as human beings, are always constrained by the socialization and historical narratives passed onto them from previous scribes. The admonishment in the above quoted verses 2:166-167 applies in this context to both the “expert” and the laity following them, as the honest “experts” too, sensibly, have presumably followed someone else to get their data and not just invented their own (i.e., speculated, which the subsequent generation of scribes then take as gospel truth leading to more myth and

noise amplification).

What a conundrum! Another puzzle for Mr. Spock's puzzle stack. He consciously refrained from leaping to the most obvious logical conclusion that verse 4:59 was only temporal for the time and age of the Prophet of Islam. Mr. Spock realized that he lacked the positive evidence and fuller comprehension of the Holy Qur'an to reach such a logical conclusion. But the mathematical incompleteness of this system is inherent, and Mr. Spock could not escape that obviously compelling logical deduction. That observation was obvious to him because he understood mathematical closure. It is like having a closely guarded pristine cipher (the Holy Qur'an) protected by an un-challengeable superpower (Allah), while leaving its cryptographic keys (*the Sunnah*) in the protection of the noisy press (the scribes of history) which can publish whatever it wants under the supreme orchestration of the Mighty Wurlitzer.

Unless of course, these apparent cipher keys to the elusive door past which one can't see, are irrelevant to deciphering the cipher by succeeding generations. Perhaps some other keys within each human being is to be utilized – such as engaging the right-half brain for spiritual reflection and intuition (which Mr. Spock of course is not capable of, but he did not deny its existence and the superior abilities it conferred upon Captain Kirk, and nor its utility in commanding a Starship, and nor it being the official requirement for holding the position of command as the captain of a Starship, which Mr. Spock consequently did not hold and remained just the indispensable logical science officer).

Given the assurance of the Holy Qur'an that it contains all the necessary and sufficient criterion for evaluation and adjudication of all pertinent matters, Mr. Spock decides to dig deeper more systematically.

He decides to identify all that is precisely knowable, and all that which is not precisely knowable, from the text of the Holy Qur'an alone. A study such as this would exactly delineate all the vicarious notions Muslims have about Islam which are not explicitly contained in the Holy Qur'an, or only ambiguously specified by its Author and open to interpretation and socialization, creating the unnecessary and illogical fracture lines among the **أُمَّةٌ مُسْلِمَةٌ** even when they are supposedly following the same textual Holy Qur'an!

This is empirical and not speculation since no such divisions evidently existed on the surface while its Exemplar was still living among the Muslims and able to forcefully arbitrate on all matters in which the early Muslims might have disputed based on the authority vested in him by verse such as 4:59.

But the moment the Messenger is gone and the burden is put upon the Muslims to arbitrate themselves based on the *al-Furqaan*, the criterion, left behind by the Messenger, disputes, interpretations, mis-interpretations, some deliberate borne of vested interests, others natural borne of ignorance, arose directly due to the fact of these gaping holes present in the Holy Qur'an.

Evidently, as was gleaned by Mr. Spock by examining the sociological context, some concerted efforts were made by the rulers to not document and write down the Prophet's rulings and explanations on all Qur'anic matters after his death. The argument speciously put forth by many an apologetic scholar of antiquity being, to seemingly protect the statements of the Holy Qur'an from being confused with those of the Messenger's by the uneducated public, for had the Author of the Holy Qur'an wanted, they argued, It would have made the Messenger's statements part of the Holy Qur'an ab initio.

The sophistry of these apologetics for not immediately preserving and writing down the binding rulings of the Exemplar after his death in a separate compilation from the Holy Qur'an in order to prevent them from being lost to the vicissitudes of time, was not lost on the sophisticated Mr. Spock. But something else also puzzled

him.

To Mr. Spock's logical and scientific mind attuned to studying complex specifications from which even the most sophisticated and enduring material systems could be fabricated by very large teams of different beings on different planets and still have the designs pass the interoperability tests to function as specified in a working system, there appeared to be too many unknowns in this هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ , divine specification for the guidance of mankind, for any reasonable interoperability as a single أُمَّةً مُّسْلِمَةً , its own stated goal.

To Spock, ambiguity appeared to be a *specification objective by design*. It could have been trivially addressed ab initio, had the Author of the Holy Qur'an wanted to address it unambiguously. Namely, have the Holy Qur'an contain all which Mr. Spock identified as missing but logically necessary for its completeness and self-sufficiency by its own Qur'anic metric, for comprehensibility by all without leaving its pristine pages. Then, there'd there would have been no fracture lines among the Muslims.

Indeed, why have divine guidance in the first place if it is to remain ambiguous, is a dogged question which arises in any logical mind.

As Mr. Spock began to comprehend the sociological contexts and the turbulent times which cradled the first 200 years of the death of the Messenger, he put the following hypothesis on the puzzle stack for further examination: Was it this deliberate ambiguity in the specification which enabled the Holy Qur'an itself to survive the early power struggles, the vicissitudes of empires and kingdoms, after the death of the prophet of Islam, such that today, fourteen centuries into the advent of Islam, all Muslims of every race, ethnicity, culture, language, and geographic origin, emphatically assert that there is no "tahrif" (changes) in the text of the Holy Qur'an like the scriptures of the past? That, unlike other holy books of antiquity, Muslims' remains untampered by the hand of man such that even today, one can glean the same pristine text with certainty! (See facts on Qur'an compilation and footnote[5] in [Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization](#))

And Mr. Spock confirmed this most unusual fact by examining the many different editions of the Arabic text (in differing scripts) and the Arabic aural recitations of the Holy Qur'an in the ship's library. They were identical. There did not appear to be any equivalent of the King James Version, the Gideons International Version, the New International Version, the Babylonian Talmud, the Sanhedrin Talmud, Mishneh Torah of Maimonides, the Five Books of Moses in the Old Testament with the Christians, the Five Books of Moses in the Torah scriptures with the Jews, etceteras. The Arabic text of the Holy Qur'an was identical no matter which Muslim culture, sect, and epoch had published it in the written and aural mediums. Mr. Spock could only exclaim: *fascinating*.

And Spock further confirmed his analysis that in the vast majority of instances, the expositions on the Holy Qur'an and the Prophet of Islam written by scribes throughout the ages more or less differed exactly along the holes and ambiguities in the Holy Qur'an itself that he had identified.

Mr. Spock noted that there are 114 Chapters called Surahs, comprising 6236 verses, uttered by the Prophet of Islam often in fragments over a 23 year period, with topics not necessarily contiguous even in the adjacent verses, or even within a Surah, and there is no explicit indication that a verse is co-related to another verse within the Holy Qur'an. He also noted that within a verse, a verse fragment could be speaking of some entirely different topic from the rest of the verse (as for instance in [5:3](#) and [33:33](#)). Mr. Spock further discovers that the subtleties of Arabic grammar and gender specificity enabled changing the point of reference suddenly within a verse. It wasn't always obvious who or what those new points of reference were without knowing the exact localized context in which the verse was revealed (as for instance in [33:33](#)). He wondered whether such

context was perhaps attainable by acquiring the lingua franca of the epoch. Mr. Spock had already recognized that he would also have to study the epoch when the Holy Qur'an was revealed in order to acquire its sociological context. But the fact that context and causality of the verses were not carried within the Holy Qur'an made it impossible to extract information which was not there to begin with, thus significantly hampering understandability. The task of studying the Holy Qur'an had suddenly become monumental, and not at all akin to the straightforward reading of Milton, Plato, Shakespeare, or the DMV driver's manual.

Nevertheless, intrigued by the total lack of traditional structure and visible cohesiveness to the Holy Qur'an normal to any system specification where everything pertaining to that specification is usually clearly and unambiguously specified within the specification itself, without requiring reference to vicarious outside sources to ascertain them, Mr. Spock decided to treat his study akin to solving a most complex puzzle. A cryptographic cipher as he had classified the genre, but under time pressure – as he also had other science duties to perform on board the Starship. He began his systematic analysis by classifying the text of the Holy Qur'an according to the following nomenclature:

Determinate: A topic, or the full meaning of a verse or verse fragment, in context, is fully determinable from the full context of the 114 Surahs of Holy Qur'an.

Indeterminate: A topic, or the full meaning of a verse or verse fragment, in context, cannot be fully established from even the full context of the Holy Qur'an due to insufficient information in the Holy Qur'an.

Layered: A topic, or word, or verse, or verse fragment, or context has obvious or un-obvious multiple bindings or points of reference, and which meaning or point of reference is implied in a given context is Indeterminate.

Nuanced: A topic, or word, or verse, or verse fragment, or context is highly nuanced, even when not Layered (i.e., it has exactly one applicable meaning from a plurality of nuanced meanings in the language of exposition), and the context for the nuance is Indeterminate.

Sociological factors and un-preservation of the context of the verses of the Holy Qur'an

Being a well-traveled science officer aboard the Starship Enterprise and having visited many different worlds and civilizations in their differing stages of sociological development throughout the traversable universe, Mr. Spock is well aware that the general knowledge of history and other sociological material can always lend some context to any matter when it pertains to living creatures.

But Spock is also well aware from the blood-drenched history of early civilizations that history is typically written by the victors of history. Only the works of those scribes typically survive in the libraries or in the cultural memory of the majority of the people, who either echo, or don't challenge, the core-axioms of the victors. All narratives consequently harbor a germ of untruth and falsehood in them even when they appear to narrate honestly, due to ingrained biases, vested interests, loyalties, infidelities, and other psychologically and sociologically induced tendencies of the living authors. Mr. Spock also well understood that this characteristic was common to most if not all species in the universe he had visited. Even the history of his own planet, despite being all logic and event based, was not devoid of falsehoods and power-plays of hidden motivations of his peoples – for good and evil are merely tools for the superior intellect to achieve their end. Whether an

end is noble or not is merely the moralizing semantics put on it by those who wish to see them in that light. Whereas, these have no a priori moral and spiritual bounds put on them by beings who lack the right-half brain function to feel and to moralize. (See Morality derived from the Intellect leads to Enslavement!)

In addition, human beings especially are most subjective. Mr. Spock well knew that humans have feelings, emotions, loves, hates, and hidden motivations which weren't always logical or quantifiable or even observable except by forensic examination, and that these subjective tendencies naturally color their perception of events and epochs which they record no differently than those who sanction the history. No scientist, historian, and sociological commentator is immune from it with the consequence that myths and falsehoods get amplified with successive generation of historians just as much as unpopular truths get attenuated.

For the case at hand, Mr. Spock discovers that no written records exist of the early period of the advent of Islam until after about 200 years of the death of its Prophet. Several generations until then, as was noted by the first historians writing of that period some two centuries later, had carried the *Sunnah* of the Prophet of Islam, the Qur'anic directive “*Obey the Messenger*”, in their cultural memories, or word of mouth, and passed them from father to son, mother to daughter, generation after generation, due to the tyranny of the Muslim rulers who were crafting dynastic empires on Islam. These rulers, it was evident, had themselves sanctioned historical narratives and compilations of *Sunnah* which were not inimical to their own ruling interests.

Nevertheless, Mr. Spock also realized that facts are facts. And so he began searching the vast computer libraries of millions of books on Islam written from its earliest days in search of what might be unarguable, reliable, and authenticated facts and events pertaining to the epoch of the first few centuries of the Messenger of the Holy Qur'an to lend some sociological context to his study. To further identify what is a real fact vs. merely a narrative which might or might not be true, Spock clarified his thinking thusly. He took the most shocking example of a fact to delineate what he considered incontrovertible fact vs. merely a historical narrative.

A Case Study to Illustrate the Matter, the Difficulties, and the Forensic Approach to Resolving them

An incontrovertible fact is of the following type: The historical narrative indicated that a Muslim ruler, in 680 AD, slaughtered Hussein ibn ‘Alī ibn Abī Tālib, the revered grandson of the Prophet of Islam, along with many other male members of his family including children. And this act transpired despite the Author of the Holy Qur'an's remarkable and explicit commandment to Muslims to both honor the Author's Messenger, and to honor and love the Messenger's “near of kin”, which obviously includes his progeny:

'Say: “No reward do I ask of you for this except the love of those near of kin.” (Surah Ash-Shura 42:23)

قُلْ لَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِلَّا الْمَوَدَّةَ فِي الْقُرْبَىٰ

Evidently, even to the untrained prima facie eye, never mind to the super-trained mind of a forensic detective of history like Mr. Spock, something major appeared to have gone systemically wrong after the death of the Prophet of Islam. Only within the passage of a mere sixty years, matters came to this criminal abhorrence of internecine Muslim upon Muslim state violence inflicted upon the family of the Messenger. And this despite the most lucid and clear-text commandment of the Holy Qur'an to the Muslim polity: 'Say: “**No reward do I**

ask of you for this except the love of those near of kin.”

The reasonable question arose in Mr. Spock's mind: why this commandment to honor and love the Exemplar's progeny, his “zurriyat”, those near of kin, **فِي الْقُرْبَىٰ** ? What is so special about the Prophet of Islam's kin? And again, what is the purpose for loving them? Note that in this verse there is no command to obey them. It is to actually love them, **الْمَوَدَّةَ** , with emotional content. Rather unusual to ask people to love someone else's progeny. What is the context for showing such love and faithfulness to them?

Indeed, much preference and affinity is shown for the family of the Prophet of Islam by the Author of the Holy Qur'an, by referring to them as **أَهْلُ الْبَيْتِ** , *Ahlul Bayt*. and sanctifying them with a **وَيُطَهِّرُكُمْ تَطْهِيرًا** , a thorough purification:

“And stay quietly in your houses, and make not a dazzling display, like that of the former Times of Ignorance; and establish regular Prayer, and give regular Charity; and obey Allah and His Messenger. **And Allah only wishes to remove all abomination from you, ye members of the Family, and to make you pure and spotless.**” (Surah Al-Ahzaab, 33:33)

وَقَرْنَ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ وَلَا تَبَرَّجْنَ تَبَرُّجَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ الْأُولَىٰ وَأَقِمْنَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتِينَ الزَّكَاةَ وَأَطِعْنَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ تَطْهِيرًا

Why is the Prophet's family so important to the Author of the Holy Qur'an, persisted Mr. Spock? Why is the Prophet's *Ahlul Bayt* given such preeminence based merely on their DNA, as it would appear?

It begs the obvious question: Why are the *Ahlul Bayt* chosen by the Author of the Holy Qur'an and sanctified specially with such a profound divine benefaction in the verse fragment of 33:33: **“Allah only wishes to remove all abomination from you, ye members of the Family, and to make you pure and spotless”**, **إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ تَطْهِيرًا** , and no one else is chosen for this benefaction, for this purification, from among the vast number of respected companions of the Prophet of Islam?

Besides, what did this unusual “purification” actually mean in the language of the Holy Qur'an? How should it be correctly interpreted from its cipher-text form?

To Mr. Spock, preference for a choosing a particular family and lineage, a particular strand of human DNA above all the nations, and continuing to choose from that strand generation after generation for the divinely appointed stewardship of man, **لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا** , appeared to play a principal role in the overall provenance and sequence of divine guidance by the Author of the Holy Qur'an:

“Surely Allah chose Adam and Nuh and the descendants of Ibrahim and the descendants of Imran above the nations. **Offspring one of the other**; and Allah is Hearing, Knowing.” (Surah Aal-e-Imran 3:33-34)

**إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَىٰ آدَمَ وَنُوحًا وَآلَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَآلَ عِمْرَانَ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ
ذُرِّيَّةً بَعْضُهَا مِنْ بَعْضٍ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ**

“And when his Lord tried Ibrahim with certain words, he fulfilled them. **He said: Surely I will make you an Imam of men. Ibrahim said: And of my offspring? My covenant does not include the unjust, said He**” (Surah Al-Baqara, 2:124)

وَإِذِ ابْتَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَبُّهُ بِكَلِمَاتٍ فَأَتَمَّهُنَّ فَقَالَ إِنِّي جَاعِلُكَ لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا فَقَالَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي ضَالَّ لَا يَنَالُ عَهْدِي الظَّالِمِينَ

So, once again encountering a preference for a specific family, the *Ahlul Bayt*, which Allah chose in 33:33 for

a thorough purification, and in 42:23 commanded the Prophet to tell the people to love his *“those near of kin”*, was not unusual to Mr. Spock's perceptive mind. It followed a consistent pattern, that the Author of the Holy Qur'an chose whomsoever as His Messengers, Exemplars, and Imams above all the other peoples. And verses 3:33-34 and 2:124 unambiguously and unequivocally indicated the Author's particular preference for a very specific lineage starting from Prophet Adam, **“Offspring one of the other”**, to choose Prophets and Imams from among that lineage only, to bring His divine message to all peoples among mankind (see verse 10:47 quoted above, and many others like 16:36 *“And verily We have raised in every nation a messenger, (proclaiming): Serve Allah and shun false gods”*). The Author's preference for the Prophet of Islam's *Ahlul Bayt* in verse 33:33 was from the same DNA strand of Prophet Ibrahim. Which, according to verse 2:124, *قَالَ إِنِّي جَاعِلُكَ لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا* قَالَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي *قَالَ لَا يَبَالُ عَهْدِي الظَّالِمِينَ* , was also going to spawn Imams of the people throughout the ages in Prophet Ibrahim's progeny.

Mr. Spock noted that verse 2:124 proffered an unambiguous criterion for such appointment. That, if there were to be any divinely appointed Imams among the people of Arabia, they had to emerge from the genetic seed of Prophet Ibrahim only, as per the Author's Promise to Prophet Ibrahim. That criterion was just as applicable to Muhammad, the Prophet of Islam, as to his *Ahlul Bayt*. Mr. Spock ascertained from the historical record that Prophet Muhammad was considered a descendent of Prophet Ibrahim by the people of Arabia, coming from the distinguished prophetic lineage of *Bani Hashim* who had been the keepers of the pilgrims' structure called the Holy Kaaba for generations. The Author of the Holy Qur'an too attested to the fact that Prophet Muhammad was indeed a descendent of Prophet Ibrahim, by the act of choosing him over all others in Arabia as His Messenger – since the Author by His own admission only chose successive Prophets, Messengers, and Imams, from a single lineage as per His proclamation in verse 3:33-34. Therefore, if there were to be any additional Imams as per the promise in verse 2:124 to Ibrahim, reasoned Mr. Spock, these Imams had to carry the seeds of Prophet Ibrahim or Prophet Muhammad in order to continue the Author's self-proclaimed modus operandi for conveying His Guidance to the people: **“Offspring one of the other”**.

Furthermore, the Holy Qur'an attested to the fact that Muhammad was not a father of any men among the people:

“Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Apostle of Allah and the Last of the prophets; and Allah is cognizant of all things.” (Surah Al-Ahzaab, 33:40)

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا

This automatically meant, reasoned Mr. Spock, that if such leadership as promised in verse 2:124 was to continue after the Prophet of Islam – Muhammad being the last of the Messengers according to the bold proclamation of the afore-quoted 33:40: *رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ* – as it evidently did by virtue of the Qur'anic commandment of 4:59: **“obey the Messenger, and those charged with authority among you”**, the latter **“those charged with authority among you”** could only emanate from either Prophet Ibrahim's seed of which Muhammad was also a progeny, or Prophet Muhammad's own single blood daughter from his first wife.

The Messenger of Islam evidently did not have any other blood children from any of his other wives as per the documented factual historical record. Since none of Muhammad's wives themselves were known to be from any prophetic seed, ascertained Mr. Spock, only their common offspring with the Prophet of Islam could legitimately seed such “Imams” as promised in verse 2:124. This criterion, adduced directly from the Holy Qur'an, automatically implied the composition of the *Ahlul Bayt*, leaving the straightforward identification of **“Offspring one of the other”** from the factual historical records (provided such factual records did not

outright lie or obfuscate on that question). Their precise identity is still an unknown variable in Mr. Spock's logical mind as he solely contends to comprehend what the Holy Qur'an itself conveyed, a book of “**no doubt**”, without relying on the doubtful scribes of history.

Mr. Spock, persistent in his study, nevertheless continues to observe that such remarkable show of preference for the Messenger's *Ahlul Bayt* was entirely self-consistent with the Author's overarching narrative in the Holy Qur'an for choosing some over all others for His special favors. This idea, Mr. Spock discovered, is almost over-emphasized by the Author, as for instance in:

“And this was Our argument which we gave to Ibrahim against his people; We exalt in dignity whom We please; surely your Lord is Wise, Knowing.” (Surah Al An'aam, 6:83)

وَتِلْكَ حُجَّتُنَا آتَيْنَاهَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ نَرْفَعُ دَرَجَاتٍ مِّنْ نَّشَاءٍ ۚ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ حَكِيمٌ عَلِيمٌ

Mr. Spock recognizes that the continuation of verse 6:83 of Surah Al An'aam was further revealing of the Author's principal modus operandi of choosing some over others for special favors, especially verse 6:87 “***And from among their fathers and their descendants and their brethren, and We chose them and guided them into the right way.***”

And verse fragments 6:89-90 asserted a pertinent purpose which further explained why “***those charged with authority among you***” existed in addition to the Prophet of Islam: “***We have already entrusted with it a people who are not disbelievers in it. These are they whom Allah guided, therefore follow their guidance.***”

And We gave to him Ishaq and Yaqoub; each did We guide, and Nuh did We guide before, and of his descendants, Dawood and Sulaiman and Ayub and Yusuf and Musa and Haroun; and thus do We reward those who do good (to others). (<u>6:84</u>)	وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ إِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ ۚ كُلًّا هَدَيْنَا ۚ وَنُوحًا هَدَيْنَا مِن قَبْلُ ۚ وَمِن ذُرِّيَّتِهِ دَاوُدَ وَسُلَيْمَانَ وَأَيُّوبَ وَيُوسُفَ وَمُوسَىٰ وَهَارُونَ ۚ وَكَذَٰلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ
And Zakariya and Yahya and Isa and Ilyas; every one was of the good; (<u>6:85</u>)	وَزَكَرِيَّا وَيَحْيَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ وَإِلْيَاسَ ۚ كُلٌّ مِّنَ الصَّالِحِينَ
And Ismail and Al-Yasha and Yunus and Lut; and every one We made to excel (in) the worlds: (<u>6:86</u>)	وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَالْيَسَعَ وَيُونُسَ وَلُوطًا ۚ وَكُلًّا فَضَّلْنَا عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ
And from among their fathers and their descendants and their brethren, and We chose them and guided them into the right way. (<u>6:87</u>)	وَمِنْ آبَائِهِمْ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِمْ وَإِخْوَانِهِمْ وَاجْتَبَيْنَاهُمْ وَهَدَيْنَاهُمْ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

This is Allah's guidance, He guides thereby whom He pleases of His servants; and if they had set up others (with Him), certainly what they did would have become ineffectual for them. (6:88)	ذَٰلِكَ هُدَىٰ ٱللَّهُ يَهْدِي بِهٖ مَن يَشَآءُ مِّنْ عِبَادِهِۦ ۖ وَلَوْ أَشْرَكُوا لَحَبِطَ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ
These are they to whom We gave the book and the wisdom and the prophecy; therefore if these disbelieve in it We have already entrusted with it a people who are not disbelievers in it. (6:89)	أُولَٰئِكَ ٱلَّذِينَ ءَاتَيْنَاهُمُ ٱلْكِتَآبَ وَٱلْحُكْمَ وَٱلنَّبُوَّةَ ۖ فَإِن يَكْفُرْ بِهَا هَٰؤُلَاءِ فَقَدْ وَكَّلْنَا بِهَا قَوْمًا لَّيْسُوا بِهَا بِكَفِرِينَ
These are they whom Allah guided, therefore follow their guidance. Say: I do not ask you for any reward for it; it is nothing but a reminder to the nations. (6:90)	أُولَٰئِكَ ٱلَّذِينَ هَدَى ٱللَّهُ فَبِهُدَاهُمُ اقْتَدِهٖ ۚ قُلْ لَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِنِّ هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرَىٰ لِلْعَالَمِينَ

Caption Verses of Surah Al An'aam 6:84-90 explaining the modus operandi of the Author of the Holy Qur'an for continued guidance of nations among mankind from time immemorial.

Unless Mr. Spock was erroneous in his analysis despite applying his best reasoning and logic capabilities which had earned him the most difficult position as the solo science officer aboard the Starship Enterprise, application of straightforward logic to the study of the Holy Qur'an had been incredibly revealing. It was heartening to Mr. Spock that the Holy Qur'an emphatically admonished the people who did not reflect on its Message, or treated it as ***“just foolish nonsense”*** (see verse 25:30 quoted above):

“Do they not then reflect on the Qur'an? Nay, on the hearts there are locks.” (Surah Muhammad 47:24)

أَفَلَا يَتَذَكَّرُونَ ٱلْقُرْآنَ ۚ أَمْ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبٍ أَقْفَالُهَا

Whereas, even rudimentary logical reflection on the آيَاتُ مُحْكَمَاتُ texts of the Holy Qur'an, the foundational verses which formed the heart of the Holy Qur'an as per its Author's own declaration of أُمُّ ٱلْكِتَآبِ , automatically led the earnest detective to such inescapable logical deductions as demonstrated in the aforementioned reasoning process by Mr. Spock.

But such reasoned deductions also begged the layman's foolish question, for what purpose? – As if it isn't already patently obvious by now.

Because, after all, it could also be argued that verse 5:3 had already categorically asserted that the Qur'an was completed in the Prophet's own lifetime: ***“This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.”*** Therefore, wasn't Qur'an alone sufficient?

To avoid unnecessary repetition of previously tread ground, it is necessary to reproduce the following conclusion already reached in Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization in order to first holistically cradle the above question, before reaching new logical deductions here.

Begin Quote

Evidently, according to the prima facie prescription of Islam itself, the *cleansed hearted* journey to understand the Holy Qur'an for Muslims (like all other peoples seeking divine guidance) can only be undertaken by seeking out the path of some unnamed people whom God has favored. This is further underscored:

“O ye who believe! Do your duty to Allah, seek the means of approach unto Him,” (Arabic: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَابْتَغُوا إِلَيْهِ الْوَسِيلَةَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Maeda 5:35

It follows therefore, rather straightforwardly in fact from the logic of the Qur'anic Message, that ONLY ***“the path of those whom Thou hast favoured”*** as proclaimed in Surah Al-Fatiha 1:7, and subsequently clarified as ***“seek the means of approach unto Him,”*** the “Wasilah” (الْوَسِيلَةَ) in Surah Al-Maeda 5:35, can exemplify, interpret, and explain the journey of the straight path (الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ)!

Verse 1:7 teaches the supplicant to beseech the Creator to show the path of His favored ones. And verse 5:35 commands the supplicant to first *seek the means of approach unto Him* as his duty to the Creator, in order to even approach the *straight path*!

In simpler words for the language and logic challenged, by the proclamation of the Holy Qur'an itself, the supplicant cannot approach the Creator directly, but only through the designated means of seeking the “Wasilah”. For emphasis, it is even couched as a “duty” of the “believers” to first seek the “Wasilah”! And it is further emphasized that only the Author's own favored ones can delineate the *straight path* unto Him for the rest of mankind. The favored ones are the *Wasilah*, **“the means of approach unto Him.”**

The Holy Qur'an straightforwardly informs us that the *straight path* is guided journey by the divinely favored ones, the *Al-Wasilah*, and not a solo journey by one's own interpretation!

Mind blowing... putting to bed all facile views pertaining to the path of spiritual guidance and spiritual ascendance in Islam.

End Quote

Mr. Spock, having already perused the afore-quoted study to further reinforce his own rapidly evolving understanding of the Author's principal modus operandi of how an earnest supplicant is commanded to seek Divine guidance: only by way of seeking the “Wasilah” and only by following the path tread by the Divinely favored ones, acquires a profound new insight with a bit of logical reasoning. It now becomes self-evident to Mr. Spock that:

- 1) by the categorical statement of 4:59, that there existed some unnamed persons besides the Messenger, **“those charged with authority among you”** to whom obedience was made obligatory ;
- 2) by the criterion of 2:124, that the Author promised to choose leaders and Imams only from the seed of Ibrahim after Ibrahim passed his “test”;
- 3) by the fact that there is no verse in the Holy Qur'an to suggest that 2:124 is not an exclusive promise to the family of Ibrahim, quite the contrary, the assertion of 3:33-34

indicates the Author's sole criterion for choosing the Imams of mankind, from the limited subset of a single family: **“Offspring one of the other”** ;

- 4) by the assertion of verse fragments 6:89-90 in full context that ***“We have already entrusted with it a people who are not disbelievers in it. These are they whom Allah guided, therefore follow their guidance.”***
- 5) by the categorical directive of 5:35 to the Muslims: **“O ye who believe! Do your duty to Allah, seek the means of approach unto Him,”**
- 6) by the benefaction of 33:33, that the *Ahlul Bayt* were elevated above all others with a thorough spiritual purification ;
- 7) by the commandment of 42:23, that the people were asked to love (in its most superlative form) and honor the Messenger's near of kin ;
- 8) and in the light of 5:3 that the religion of Islam had been “perfected” ;

there was a pretty clear logical reason for the presence of **“those charged with authority among you”** apart from the Messenger, and to whom obedience was as obligatory as to the Messenger for all Muslims.

That, the Author of the Holy Qur'an had provided to the early Muslims additional temporal Exemplars, Imams, from the Household of the Prophet besides the Prophet of Islam, **“Offspring one of the other”**, who were meant to continue teaching to the people the “perfected” religion which Prophet Muhammad had brought to them as the Messenger, even after the Messenger was no longer among them.

That, it appeared to be a sophisticated bootstrap process of Islam whose legal texts had been perfected and completely revealed, to guide a stubborn pagan civilization that had inflicted so much physical warfare upon the Prophet of Islam during his entire tenure of Prophethood, onto the *straight path* for at least some additional time period after the Messenger had passed away.

Evidently, this was an additional favor given by the Author of the Holy Qur'an to the people of Arabia, and for which the Author Himself proclaimed of his divine guidance in verse 76:3 ***“Surely We have shown him the way: he may be thankful or unthankful.”***

This is remarkable discovery – if it could be determined to also be supported empirically. For, as Mr. Spock ascertained perusing the historical record of early Muslim rulers and empires, few Muslims living under their dominions seemed to have been aware of this rather straightforward logical deduction. Despite it being promulgated in the Holy Qur'an in آيَاتُ مُحْكَمَاتُ texts requiring only a bare modicum of reflection (and of course zero self-interest in siding with the ruling narratives for the opportunities to profit and prosper). And despite their daily recitation of the Holy Qur'an with the most ardent religious fervor!

It was almost as if, observed Mr. Spock, this logically derived conclusion had been calculatingly masked off from the Muslim mind under the ruling paradigms of caliphs and dynastic empires.

Even today, lamentably, few Muslims are aware that this is a conclusion adduced directly from the straightforward statements and simple logic of the Holy Qur'an without making any recourse to vicarious outside sources and doubtful human scribes.

And that mass ignorance of the Muslim public, mused Mr. Spock, perhaps also explained the context for the Messenger's prescient but strange lament recorded in verse 25:30 of Surah Al-Furqaan (quoted above) after the

ascent of Islam as the dominant religion of Arabia: *'Then the Messenger will say: "O my Lord! Truly my people took this Qur'an for just foolish nonsense."*

The puzzling question of course persists if one refrains from going to the partisan pages of the historical record on that question – the primary reason for divisive sectarianism among the Muslims. Who exactly are *"those charged with authority among you"*?

Reasoning it out from the Holy Qur'an itself

The Qur'anic eligibility criterion of 2:124 and 3:33-34 come only one step closer in the direction of identifying them. That eligibility criterion had indicated to Mr. Spock that the only persons even eligible for this divine appointment of leadership, *"those charged with authority among you"* to whom obedience is made as obligatory as to the Prophet of Islam, must come from the *Ahlul Bayt* and nowhere else. Because, only that singular family automatically includes both the seed of Prophet Ibrahim and the seed of Prophet Muhammad, *"Offspring one of the other"* as already reasoned by Mr. Spock. That reasoning also lends sensible context to why the people are commanded to love the Prophet's near of kin. Even the way it is propositioned to the people by the Author of the Holy Qur'an, and the choice of Arabic word employed which only loosely translates to "love" in English but is the superlative form of love in Arabic, *الْمَوَدَّةُ*, is revealing of its motivation: *'Say: "No reward do I ask of you for this except the love of those near of kin."*

The Prophet is asked by the Author of the Holy Qur'an to demand the love of his near of kin as a gratitude from the people – not as a favor the people are asked to do the Prophet, but in return for the favor done to the people by the Prophet of Islam of being God's Messenger among them!

In other words, it is an obligation put on the people to "love" the Prophet's near of kin in the most superlative degree that the semantic-rich Arabic language can convey for terms of endearment and affection to other human beings!

The logical connection among the many verses outlined above, and making the love and affection of Prophet's near of kin an obligation upon the people, thus making it psychologically easier for the people to accept Exemplars from among the *Ahlul Bayt*, conclusively indicated to Mr. Spock that *"those charged with authority among you"* could only emanate from among the *Ahlul Bayt*. But who among the *Ahlul Bayt* meets that criterion?

Mr. Spock already comprehended who didn't meet the criterion, the Messenger's wives. None were direct descendants of the prophetic line. Therefore, it made no logical sense to spiritually cleanse them a *"thorough purification"* – they could not be the "imams" to begin with, and hence served no purpose in being made "unerring". The non-partisan factual historical record in any case indicated that the Messenger's many marriages after the first, were mainly to construct political alliances with the chieftains of Arabia and there was nothing significant about them by themselves. And all the Messenger's wives were duly sanctified by the Author of the Holy Qur'an, as was appropriate for their noble station, as being out of bounds for other Muslims:

"O you who believe! do not enter the houses of the Prophet unless permission is given to you for a meal, not waiting for its cooking being finished-- but when you are invited, enter, and when you have taken the food, then disperse-- not seeking to listen to talk; surely this gives the Prophet trouble, but he forbears from you, and Allah does not forbear from the truth And when you ask of them any goods, ask of them from behind a curtain; this is purer for your hearts and

(for) their hearts; and it doe's not behoove you that you should give trouble to the Apostle of Allah, nor that you should marry his wives after him ever; surely this is grievous in the sight of Allah.” (Surah Al-Ahzaab, 33:53)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَدْخُلُوا بُيُوتَ النَّبِيِّ إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْذَنَ لَكُمْ إِلَى طَعَامٍ غَيْرَ نَظِيرٍ إِنَّهُ وَلَكِنْ إِذَا دُعِيتُمْ فَادْخُلُوا فَمَإِذَا طَعِمْتُمْ فَانْتَشِرُوا وَلَا مُسْتَنْسِينَ لِحَدِيثٍ إِنَّ ذَلِكُمْ كَانَ يُؤْذَى النَّبِيَّ فَيَسْتَحْيِي مِنْكُمْ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَسْتَحْيِي مِنَ الْحَقِّ وَإِذَا سَأَلْتُمُوهُنَّ مَتَاعًا فَسْأَلُوهُنَّ مِنْ وَرَاءِ حِجَابٍ ذَلِكُمْ أَطْهَرُ لِقُلُوبِكُمْ وَقُلُوبِهِنَّ وَمَا كَانَ لَكُمْ أَنْ تُؤْذُوا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَلَا أَنْ تُنْكِرُوا أَرْوَاجَهُ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ أَبَدًا إِنَّ ذَلِكُمْ كَانَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَظِيمًا

And this sanctification was afforded to the wives of the Prophet of Islam evidently in conjunction with the stern admonishment to them in the opening verse fragment of 33:33 (quoted above): **“And stay quietly in your houses, and make not a dazzling display, like that of the former Times of Ignorance; and establish regular Prayer, and give regular Charity; and obey Allah and His Messenger.”**

Furthermore, Mr. Spock, solely on the anvil of pure reasoned logic applied to *al-Furqaan* (see discussion of verse 25:1, Surah al-Furqaan quoted above), could straightforwardly deduce still additional eligibility and rejection criterion to further narrow down the field for who could possibly meet the Qur'anic criterion to comprise the set of **“those charged with authority among you”**.

That, as per verse 4:59, any such persons to whom command obedience is extended from the Prophet of Islam as an Exemplar of the Holy Qur'an, must also be Exemplars of the Holy Qur'an themselves! That conclusion is simply inescapable. Because, as Mr. Spock reasoned, they couldn't be just any prominent persons occupying the throne or the pulpit, no matter how learned or respectable, for in order to have command obedience to them as per verse 4:59, they'd have to possess knowledge and understanding of the divine message of the Holy Qur'an to the same level of un-erring comprehension as the Prophet of Islam! Otherwise, they could possibly misinform and misguide the people using their own interpretation (despite their best intentions to be accurate). Which, of course, also automatically implied that their teacher could be none among those whom they have been *divinely chosen* to guide! The logic of that sequence of impeccable deductions is also undeniable. Not surprisingly, the deduction is directly underscored by the Holy Qur'an itself, as in verse fragments 6:89-90 (quoted above): **“We have already entrusted with it a people who are not disbelievers in it. These are they whom Allah guided, therefore follow their guidance.”** Allah is their teacher!

Therefore, Mr. Spock continued to reason, these could only be persons who were specially favored by the Author of the Holy Qur'an to also be un-erring like the Messenger. Un-erringness being the primary logical criterion to being an Exemplar of the Holy Qur'an in order to faithfully convey the message of the Author who claims to be the Creator of Mankind and the “Lord of the Worlds”, to the people without any alterations, additions and subtractions, in full and accurate context, in both letter and spirit. This deduction is also simply logical and straightforward. The *verse of spiritual purification* 33:33 arguably conveys at least some sense of bestowing un-erringness, وَيُطَهِّرْكُمْ تَطْهِيرًا , by keeping away all “rijis”, الرِّجْسَ , from the *Ahlul Bayt*.

Once again, the Arabic words employed by the Author of the Holy Qur'an to convey to the people what is being kept away from the *Ahlul Bayt* (all abominations) and for what purpose (purification) are far richer in semantics than can be captured straightforwardly in semantic-starved translated English. Accurate parsing of this verse of spiritual purification arguably affirms that **“those charged with authority among you”** could logically only come from the peerless and un-erring teachers of the religion of Islam from among the *Ahlul Bayt* as only these people are being specially favored, for some blanket “purification” no less!

For, indeed, according to the Qur'anic criterion, only such specially favored “purified” persons, who also were

the offspring of Ibrahim or Muhammad, could even be eligible to be the subsequent Exemplars, Imams, of the people, **لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا** , after the Prophet of Islam.

The successive application of Qur'anic eligibility criteria had narrowed down the search considerably for Mr. Spock to get him closer to identifying ***“those charged with authority among you”***.

Remarkable what could be learnt from even a convoluted law book when one begins to decipher it accurately rather than rehearse it like a parrot or as the unwitting victim of socialization and perception management!

In equivalent terms, Mr. Spock now had the legal definitions, and the beginning of the understanding of what the letter and spirit of the law actually was. That law now needed to be applied to the empirical historical evidence in order to adjudicate, to separate the chaff from the wheat, the usurpers from the legitimate owners – which is the purpose of all law, both divine and man-made.

As Mr. Spock knew, meeting a criterion only determines eligibility. It does not necessarily indicate specific appointment – the specific “choosing”, or “charged”, or “entrusting”, as expressed in verses like: **“We have already entrusted with it a people who are not disbelievers in it. These are they whom Allah guided, therefore follow their guidance. Say: I do not ask you for any reward for it; it is nothing but a reminder to the nations.”** (6:89-90 quoted above). For specifics, one surely expects explicit evidence of appointment – some empirical evidence – not mere statements of law, even when in the most august law Book, the Holy Qur'an, and the most logical deductions from them. Albeit, such reasoning of law and logic is necessary as a qualitative criterion. It helps one legally, i.e., objectively, without equivocation, exclude usurpers presumptuous enough to claim false entitlements. While it may be argued by the learned doctrinaire that after everyone else is excluded by the accurate application of *the criterion*, those who remain standing are automatically selected, empirical affirmation and commonsense of the laity both demand explicit evidence of specific appointment and clear identification. Especially when the matter is made contentious and kept locked for centuries within the suffocating ambit of empires which ruled in the name of “God”, and which controlled all the dominant narratives and expositions on Islam. To this very day when Mr. Spock took up the study of the Holy Qur'an millennia later, their legacy evidently endured in the socialization of the Muslim public across cultures and civilizations.

Thus Mr. Spock pondered, if this matter was important to the Author, why aren't the names of ***“those charged with authority among you”*** explicitly mentioned in the Holy Qur'an? Why just give the criterion to establish their identity – why not also their names?

How are people in subsequent generations to know their identity without relying on the doubtful and partisan pens of the scribes of history?

Mr. Spock reasoned that unless the Messenger had shirked his duty to the Author of the Holy Qur'an, in which case verse 5:3 would not exist affirming the completion and perfection of the delivery of the message of Islam as a “deen” for mankind, the Messenger must have categorically informed the people of Arabia, the first Muslim generation, of all the unknowns noted above based on the explicit authority delegated to him in 4:59: **“Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger,”**. Specifically, the Messenger would have informed the people who had the entitlement to be included in that characterization of *Ahlul Bayt*, **أَهْلُ الْبَيْتِ** , for whom **“Allah only wishes to remove all abomination”**, and the exact identity of ***“those charged with authority among you”*** whom the Muslims had to obey on par with himself.

The people of the time would have also naturally known who the Messenger's near of kin were whom they

were asked to love as a mark of gratitude to the Prophet by divine commandment, by the simple virtue of the fact that the Prophet of Islam and his family lived among them his entire life. It is logical to presume, reasoned Mr. Spock, that the Messenger would have been asked by new Muslims coming from elsewhere, on hearing this verse, about the identity of who his near of kin were, and who ***“those charged with authority among you”*** were, and the Messenger of course would have hastened to inform them personally in order to discharge his duty faithfully as the Messenger.

How are we to know all that today when new Muslims, un-socialized into their new religion as an inheritance, similarly wish to inquire?

By leaving all this knowledge out of the pristine un-tampered pages of the Holy Qur'an, reflected Mr. Spock, why deny to subsequent generations of Muslims that certainty of knowing about this possibly momentous matter? What was the Author's wisdom in leaving them pitifully at the mercy of the doubtful scribes of history, their partisan pens, and cultural inheritance?

If in fact this was not important for subsequent generations to know, then why not just state so directly in the Holy Qur'an that this matter was only of temporal significance during that early epoch and not worth bickering about in subsequent times? And if it was important, why not just give the names of ***“those charged with authority among you”*** directly in the Holy Qur'an and be done with it?

These glaring omissions of the Author in the Holy Qur'an were evidently responsible for the flourishing sectarianism millennia later. And all indications still continued to lead to the same inescapable conclusion already noted earlier, that these ambiguities were deliberate and evidently well thought out by the Author as a system design for divine guidance to mankind.

Mr. Spock muses how he could learn the precise identity of ***“those charged with authority among you”*** without the ease of reliance on the partisan narratives of history to which Muslims had fallen victim. Having browsed sufficient sociological context, Mr. Spock wanted to focus solely on what, and how much, did the Holy Qur'an itself communicate on the question which appeared to be an **Indeterminate** from the outset.

Were there other straightforward verses in the Holy Qur'an which enabled and assisted in their further identification? Without the correct context for the verses which spoke in indirections and in unknowns, as verse 4:59 did, how was one to even identify such verses that spoke to their identity? Perhaps there were some other incontrovertible facts in recorded history, despite the partisanship of scribes and imperial craftsmanship – like the incontrovertible fact of the slaughter of the Prophet's progeny by the Ummayyad army already cited above to which there can be no doubt that it transpired in history – which assisted in unequivocally affirming their identity? It persistently begged the question that why had the Author of the Holy Qur'an relied on the doubtful scribes of history to complete their identification – if that identification was of any significance to subsequent generations after the first crop of Muslim?

Mr. Spock began to realize that this puzzle was almost akin to solving a system of linear equations with several unknown variables, but which could only be solved if the number of equations were at least equal to the number of unknown variables. However, as already explored in depth in Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization, and alluded above by verses like:

- **“One day We shall call together all human beings with their (respective) Imams”,**
(17:71) ;
- **“If Allah had so willed, He would have made you a single people, but (His plan is) to**

test you in what He hath given you: so strive as in a race in all virtues. The goal of you all is to Allah; it is He that will show you the truth of the matters in which ye dispute.” (5:48) ;

- **“And for every nation there is a messenger. And when their messenger cometh (on the Day of Judgment) it will be judged between them fairly, and they will not be wronged.” (10:47) ;**

the operative principle **“so strive as in a race in all virtues”** indicated many solutions, not just one, which could satisfy these equations!

It appeared to Mr. Spock that the Author had very astutely, and quite sensibly, accounted for socialization biases by offering mankind the core guidance: **“so strive as in a race in all virtues”**, and the conflict resolution principle when they differed: **“The goal of you all is to Allah; it is He that will show you the truth of the matters in which ye dispute.”**

Mr. Spock realized that he had made substantial progress already, and thus makes the assumption that it must be true that this puzzle of pertinent guidance is completely soluble by man in its cipher form, taking the Holy Qur'an at its word. Otherwise, he reasoned, the entire edifice of the guidance system to mankind proclaimed by the Holy Qur'an falls flat on its face. It becomes relegated to mean whatever anyone in power wants it to mean, or can write the dominant narrative for it which survives through history.

As per the first classification of the Holy Qur'an by Mr. Spock, as a cipher message of the Author to mankind that had to be decoded correctly, and therefore, was not open to individual interpretation or the recovery of the singular *plaintext* could be in error, Mr. Spock saw it being self-evident, that the correct meaning, interpretation, and understanding of the verses of the Holy Qur'an, in addition from the Prophet of Islam, and from the Holy Qur'an itself, could only be taken from these designated but unnamed persons as per the Author's declaration of obedience to them in 4:59. And not from just any pretentious scholar gurgling Arabic, or legitimately or illegitimately occupying the throne or pulpit of Islam.

This logical conclusion, argued Mr. Spock, is most significant and the key to the entire matter.

However, if, **“those charged with authority among you”** had been thrust aside or ignored after the death of the Messenger, their guidance not sought, not recorded, and not followed, then all the evil which followed from that first transgression of the first few generation of Muslims fourteen centuries ago accumulated into the greater whole of sectarianism and dynastic empires that have existed ever since. In other words, their crime was not mere disobedience, but a supreme crime as it contained within it the seeds of all the evil that followed, leaving Muslims today, as yesterday, a pathetic people mired in rituals, schisms, sectarian blood-shed, kingdoms, and servility to empire.

The fact that hardly anyone among the Muslim public outside of their myopic socialization biases is even aware of there being some specially designated (but unnamed) persons in the Holy Qur'an in addition to the Messenger who are meant to be its Exemplars after the Prophet of Islam, and obedience to them is made as obligatory as to the Prophet of Islam, lends credence to the logical surmising that **“those charged with authority among you”** must have been shunted aside by those coveting the highest pulpit of Islam. It explains the empirical observation that today each Muslim understands the same verses slightly differently. There are, and were, too many “imams” interpreting and explaining the Holy Qur'an by their own fancy and judgment, even vested interest, having lost or ignored the explanation and interpretation by its authentic stewards!

Despite the *plaintext* warning to the people to be wary of such “imams”: **“One day We shall call together all human beings with their (respective) Imams”** (see verse 17:71 quoted above). Mr. Spock recalled with marvel the foresight of the Author of the Holy Qur'an: **“Surely We have shown him the way: he may be thankful or unthankful.”** (see verse 76:3 quoted above)

Given the documented reality of the ensuing power-struggle immediately after the death of the Prophet of Islam which pitted the family of the Prophet of Islam against the first Muslim caliphs, and the sociological context surrounding the events of power and its vile inflection in the name of God which culminated in the slaughter of the progeny of the Prophet of Islam and the emergence of the most abhorrent dynastic empires that led the Muslim world to its seven hundred years of unsurpassed global ascendancy among much internecine state violence, Mr. Spock realizes that objectively extracting incontrovertible evidence of the appointment of **“those charged with authority among you”** in order to establish their clear identity from the historical records of imperial craftsmanship and outright suppression for two hundred years, would be akin to extracting a weak signal from a vast sea of background noise in communication theory in electrical engineering!

Mr. Spock recognizes that he would have to be a forensic detective in order to recreate the fuller contexts for the understanding of the largely contextless verses of the Holy Qur'an. He also recognizes however that such a detective work would surely identify the principal first cause of dissension among the Muslims which had led to all the subsequent multiplication into sectarianism. Identification and extraction of that principal first cause could be key to uniting the Muslims once again as they once were under the single banner of **أُمَّةٌ مُسْلِمَةٌ** during the lifetime of the Prophet of Islam. Mr. Spock quickly pushes this overarching puzzle on his evaluation stack.

Mr. Spock's puzzle evaluation stack is growing rapidly with his increasing understanding of the complexity of the issues... For, indeed, the narratives which survived past those early period are clearly partisan, with scribes and rulers taking sides as already noted. Thus the richer context for the verses of the Holy Qur'an is now deeply mired in this blood-drenched early history of the Muslims and cannot be straightforwardly extracted merely by perusing the early literature. As is the case for all such histories, even including the contemporary history examined in this volume under the orchestration of the *Mighty Wurlitzer*, myths get naturally amplified by successive generation of scribes, and facts and factors inconvenient to their narratives, or to their rulers, are naturally attenuated as already explained above leading to a *crippled epistemology* for those who study things on faith or without any forensic talent.

Summation and Impact Analysis

In summation, so far, Mr. Spock, well-read in both the sociological histories of empires and their social engineering of the public, has recognized that all works outside of the Holy Qur'an (including the Holy Qur'an itself) have been composed in sociological contexts and not in an abstract or sterile vacuum free from the influence of the ruling paradigms. And that these sociological contexts are most essential to fully identify and perceptively comprehend, especially when the early history of the advent of religion of Islam after its Messenger's demise is soaked in so much internecine state violence and obfuscation. To understand those outside written works therefore, Mr. Spock ascertains that the full sociological context under which all these books on Islam were originally compiled, must first be understood – as facts in a void can convey any meaning its compiler wants. Therefore, Mr. Spock decides that facts alone will not be sufficient to establish clues to resolving the **Indeterminates** of the Holy Qur'an. That it would also be necessary to cradle facts in the rich

sociological context and the narratives of history which caused the strange paradoxical artifact: that the Author of the Holy Qur'an chose not to protect its Exemplar's *Sunnah* within the Holy Qur'an itself but to which it issued command obedience as per 4:59.

Furthermore, that such historical facts would have to be not just cradled, but forensically cradled in the sociological realities of realpolitik forces and often unrecorded motivations which gave birth to those facts, and to their narratives, in order to fully comprehend them.

And Mr. Spock immediately surmises that as the evidence of history in every civilization indicates, these narratives too are invariably the sectarian narratives of partisans taking sides. Historians, compilers, exegeses writers, essayists and poets, all taking sides, omitting and attenuating facts and contexts inconvenient either to their narrative, or to their socialization bias, or to the sanction of the rulers under whom they scribed, while amplifying myths and opinions conducive to their narrative and socialization outlook whereby the victors ruled creating the facts on the ground, and the victims mourned exaggerating and perhaps mythifying the victimizing circumstances in cultural memory for centuries that might pale the Homer's Iliad by comparison. This natural cause and effect relationship of history, narrated by those most affected by it, on either side of it, becoming the de facto source of exposition and explanation of the **Indeterminates** of the Holy Qur'an as soon as one stepped out of its boundaries to figure out the unknowns.

The divine irony (or perhaps the divine comedy) poignantly strikes Mr. Spock's analytical mind: Mortal fallible pens seemingly *completing* a Book whose Author claims it is **“Perfection”** (5:3) and **“A Revelation from the Lord of the Worlds.”** (56:80).

To Mr. Spock's mind, prima facie logic alone would dictate not to use the fallible pens to parse the Infallible pen of the Author Who claims Itself to be Perfection Incarnate and the “Lord of the Worlds”. The Author of the Holy Qur'an is so assertive of the perfection of His Word that He asserts repeatedly, as in verse 2:2, that it is a Book in which there is no doubt, and a guidance to only those pious of heart who earnestly seek it. So why then use the fallible pen of scribes which is always full of doubt, to gain comprehension of the Infallible Words of the Author for which the Author asserts there is no doubt?

But the same Author has also, evidently by design, practically necessitated the very use of fallible pens by virtue of verses like 4:59 which create importance for the *Sunnah* of the Prophet of Islam on par with the Qur'an and to the obedience to it, but not recording those *Sunnah* within the pages of the Holy Qur'an and leaving the verses of the Qur'an as **Indeterminates**. This is a paradox in the Holy Qur'an.

This is why, Mr. Spock logically concludes, the Muslims from the very beginning had become preoccupied with the temporal, and often reactionary sociological contexts, deliberately drowning the holistic and timeless text of the Holy Qur'an by insisting on partisan hadiths, tafseers, and narratives of history penned in the fallible ink and cultural memories largely due to commandments like 4:59 which made the Holy Qur'an subject to easy abuse.

The Muslims, it became evident to Mr. Spock, through the subsequent generations after the first, had paradoxically become its unwitting victims because they had insisted on following the commandment 4:59 of the Holy Qur'an to the letter, without understanding its accurate import in the larger context of the entire message of the Holy Qur'an. And they used the scribes of history literally, along their own socialization axis, becoming putty in the hands of rulers who could trivially inflict internecine violence for political expediency upon those who fell out of favor.

The Muslims had not bothered to elevate themselves beyond the baggage of their respective narrow socialization which often leads to close-mindedness, and partisanship.

Their collective understanding of Islam in the successive Muslim empires and subsequent servile civilizations had therefore become ossified in the imperial narratives of history expounded from the “Roman pulpit”, and in reaction to it in its many “Protestant movements”, rather than become progressive and egalitarian based on the sublimity of its timeless doctrines principled in the Holy Qur'an. What had been intended as a sublime force of transformation for the evolution of societies from its barbarisms and exploitations to an enlightened state of mankind's existence over time, had become the force majeure for building enduring empires instead.

The Muslims had inexorably fallen victim to the same sort of corruption which was emphatically admonished by the Holy Qur'an about their cousins, the Jews and the Christians – the persistent distortion of the Author's message delivered to the Abrahamic seed!

Except, in the case of the Muslims, they continued to claim, in every epoch, to possess the Author's Message in its unadulterated most pristine cipher form. And demonstrably so. But Muslims could neither decipher nor implement it effectively because of the hijacking that the Holy Qur'an itself permitted by virtue of it being a cipher-text rather than a straightforward *plaintext*!

Of course, the aliasing of proper nouns in the Holy Qur'an into common nouns had been, and continues to be, the most common and obvious subversion of the Holy Qur'an by Muslims and Non-Muslims alike. For example, as already discussed in Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization, Muslims using the proper noun “Imam” as a common noun for anointing anyone with it, whereas the Holy Qur'an explicitly used **لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا** to anoint only the Author's own favored ones with that station of leadership among mankind. Similarly, as also already deconstructed in considerable depth in “Hijacking the word 'Islam' for Mantra Creation”, Western demagogues inimical to Islam, like Bernard Lewis and Samuel Huntington, overloading the proper noun “Islam” to designate a kitchen sink of semantics, whereas the Holy Qur'an used **الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا** to explicitly designate a “deen” which Allah “perfected”.

The use of **Indeterminates** in the Holy Qur'an had only facilitated such calculated hijacking, permitting the easy fixing of these values by anyone. The brilliant could subvert it easily for their power-interests to build empires. And the foolish remained socialized in it to find justification for whatever sect they grew up in!

Even its very first chapter, Surah Al-Fatiha, which Mr. Spock observed was parroted daily by all Muslims who reverently bowed in prayer, was a mini cipher (see its examination in Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization).

The Holy Qur'an was certainly turning out to be nothing like the *plaintext* Bible, the holy book of Captain Kirk of the Starship Enterprise, lamented Mr. Spock. He recalled the fluency and the ease with which his human captain sometimes quoted from it to teach him interesting lessons in selflessness of the most sublime in human endeavors. Mr. Spock had always found these lessons perplexing due to his logic-only rational mind. It is interesting to footnote in passing however, that in this 1960s' fable that was turned into movies in the 1980s and 1990s, Mr. Spock gave his own life selflessly in one of these episodes to save his spaceship in the *Genesis project*, making the rational irrefutable argument to his captain's chagrin and intense grief that in order for the Starship to continue its endless mission of discovery of the cosmos, *the life of one over the life of many is a purely logical decision*.

In any case, Mr. Spock pondered that how could this blatant self-contradiction, a macro puzzle, a paradox of the Holy Qur'an, of the Holy Qur'an ostensibly facilitating its own subversion, have escaped the acumen of

Muslim sages throughout the ages?

More pertinently, why had it not been resolved all this time?

How Islam became an empire

To Mr. Spock's logical mind, if conundrums and paradoxes borne of pure logic of the matter cannot be resolved with logic alone, they remain perpetual conundrums, and therefore, always ripe for subjective interpretation and harvesting for narrow interests. Here was the principal reason, within the text of the Holy Qur'an itself, which continually leads to seeking and following material outside the confines of the Authorship of the Holy Qur'an. And no Muslim sage is inclined to address it!

Perceptive as he is, the motivation to not solve this paradox, especially during the heyday of Muslim civilizations, is now readily apparent to Mr. Spock. This persistent puzzle of the Holy Qur'an to Mr. Spock is indicative of both, the deep sociological contexts which cradled the message of Islam from its earliest inception to the present day, and its pathological transformation into enduring empires. As Mr. Spock dispassionately observed, the religion of Islam had been morphed into an unsurpassed absolutist system for the exercise of imperial power by Muslim rulers. Anyone on the throne and the pulpit could interpret the verses of the Holy Qur'an any which way they liked simply by making recourse to any outside text written by themselves, or by their own favored scribes, or to their own favored narrative of history. By thus fixing values of its **Indeterminates** to suit their narrow self-interests, it was easy to hijack Islam to one's primacy advantage.

The intoxicating, almost mesmerizing, effect the Holy Qur'an has upon the Muslim masses makes it especially easy to manipulate and control them by distorting the largely contextless verses of the Holy Qur'an and giving these any meaning that is expedient. Promising the masses Heaven in *After-life* for their sufferance of hell right here in this life. A messiah in the future who would free them of their misery and establish justice and equity if only they were patient in their afflictions and injustices here, and relegated themselves to dutifully mind their religious rituals instead. And, instead of challenging, enjoyed and participated in (or suffered in silence) the kingly opulence and tyrannical adventures of their rulers as it was indeed God who had appointed them the absolute sovereign. After all, didn't the Holy Qur'an unequivocally command Muslims to obey: **“those charged with authority among you”** and **“to be patient”**!

While musing this pathocracy of social control, Mr. Spock recalled a global primacy strategist's rational observations of absolutist empires which most aptly captured the global ascendance of these despotic Muslim empires:

“The earlier empires were built by aristocratic political elites and were in most cases ruled by essentially authoritarian or absolutist regimes. The bulk of the populations of the imperial states were either politically indifferent or, in more recent times, infected by imperialist emotions and symbols. The quest for national glory, "the white man's burden," "la mission civilisatrice," not to speak of the opportunities for personal profit—all served to mobilize support for imperial adventures and to sustain essentially hierarchical imperial power pyramids.”**

The Muslim empires, with their absolute sovereignty ruthlessly secured in the name of Islam's “God” from all domestic challenge, became great patrons of the arts, the sciences, and the humanities. They became the first to bring the translations of the works of the Classical civilizations into Arabic, from where it reached the

Western shores centuries later. The enterprising and talented ones among the Muslim populations labored under the parallel personal motivations to impel empire forward as already explored in the *Fable of the Bees* for the modern contemporary times under Western empires. The pertinent verses from the Holy Qur'an that encouraged astronomy, the study of the cosmos, in fact the study of all creation (as in verses 67:3-4 of Surah Al-Mulk which were also quoted by Dr. Abdus Salam when receiving his shared 1979 Nobel Prize in Physics and which precisely underscores this very point), and indeed the boundless pursuit of all forms of knowledge (**“and say: My Lord! Increase me in knowledge.”** Surah Ta-Ha, 20:114 , Arabic: وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا), helped propel Muslim civilizations to the forefront of global supremacy on all fronts in their heyday just as it has done for American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives in this day and age. Except, in the development of political thought.

That necessary re-discovery had to await the *Renaissance* during the Middle Ages in the West, to finally end the reign of their own pulpit-led supreme Dark Ages that had principally been seeded in the hijacking of Christianity as the official state religion of the Roman Empire centuries earlier (in approx. 300 AD under emperor Constantine).

Why had such *Renaissance* against the Muslim pulpit's hijacking of Islam likewise centuries earlier, right after the death of its Prophet, similarly not transpired in the Muslim civilizations despite their own un-challenged global supremacy of vast territories on Earth for a period far exceeding the Roman Empire? Considering that the Muslims were the first to be exposed to Greek classics and to their Classical Hellenic culture of political self-empowerment (such as republic, democracy), egalitarian ideas of social justice (such as Solon's, considered among the ten greatest law givers of Athenian antiquity according to Plutarch's *Lives*), etc., for these socio-political ideas to have never taken root in absolutist Muslim civilizations which likewise ruled dynastically with an iron-fist in the name of Islam's “God”, while they borrowed liberally from Hellenic math, sciences, and military warfare methods to become the supreme empires of their time, is revealing in and of itself. If one simply compares that state of affairs to the political indifference of the learned in society today, all matters become patently obvious.

Of the hundreds of living Nobel laureates in the sciences and humanities in America and the Western world, how many learned minds rose to challenge the empire's narratives of 9/11, or called it for its prima facie enactment, *an inside job*, or showed any skepticism when BBC reported the destruction of WTC-7 the very same evening a full twenty-five minutes before it nearly free-fall collapsed into its own footprints with no airliner ever hitting it, or forensically deconstructed the so called *Catastrophic Terrorism* of 9/11 to uncover and publicly protest that it was to launch *imperial mobilization* for one-world government?

These most brilliant high achieving minds of America, like the rest of the American masses caught between their daily *bread and circuses*, watched their beloved Western world descend into police-states, lose their vaunted civil liberties, stood meekly at airports first with their own shoes in hands, and subsequently with their private parts in TSA's hands, all in the name of outright idiotic and villainous absurdities. To this scribe's last count as of the year 2012 AD, exactly zero have arisen to call America's *War on Terror* for what it is, or handed in their vaunted Nobel prize in protest to its open barbarianism upon the 'lesser peoples'. This silence and show of political indifference of the supposed “learned” of Western society during the exercise and expansion of Western hegemony is not a singularity. It is the norm under every empire from time immemorial. One cannot stand tall against the tyranny of ruling interests and thrive at the same time.

Mr. Spock perceptively observed with the precision of a sociologist and science officer, that a revolutionary

religion, intended primarily for the transformation of man – both men and women – into the *perfectman* submitting wholly to its Creator “*bowing to Thy (Will)*”, and society into the perfect egalitarian system of social justice and sublime morality (as for instance had been noted by Solon in Athens a thousand years before Islam (Ibid.), and most succinctly outlined in Surah al-Asr, chapter 103 of the Holy Qur'an), had been trivially transformed on the one hand into the opiate of the people *waiting for Allah*, and on the other into a natural force for *imperial mobilization* throughout the ages!

No system of absolute rule, marveled Mr. Spock, has been able to surpass this tortuous mass control of the public mind that could so trivially persuade people to accept and enjoy their own servitude with just the mere promise of the *Hereafter* which not even the rulers, but their almighty God had undertaken to fulfill. The rulers got a free ride with no promises of their own to keep! Whereas today, a lot more sophistication and technical expertise, not to mention considerable expense and talent, is brought to bear to achieve the same effect under “democracy” (see The Mighty Wurlitzer), and a hell of a lot of bayonets under Stalinist like dictatorship.

This has been the real prime-mover behind the villainous history of the oft glorified Muslim empires of the past, where the first caliphate came into existence after the death of the Prophet of Islam under a cloud of dissent from the progeny of the Prophet of Islam, where the first Ummayad Empire came into existence by killing the progeny of the Prophet of Islam, where the follow-on Abbasside empire came into existence on the pretext of rectifying the wrong done by the Ummayyads but then took over the *imperial mobilization* from where the previous tyrannical empire had left off. The Mongols conquered Eurasia, assimilated with the local population, and spawned the two new Muslim Empires of the Ottomans in Central Asia, and the Mughals in Persia and India. This is what Zbigniew Brzezinski wrote in The Grand Chessboard of their precursors, the Mongols' phenomenal conquest of Eurasia which gave birth to these Muslim empires:

“To find a somewhat closer analogy to today's definition of a global power, we must turn to the remarkable phenomenon of the Mongol Empire. Its emergence was achieved through an intense struggle with major and well-organized opponents. Among those defeated were the kingdoms of Poland and Hungary, the forces of the Holy Roman Empire, several Russian and Rus' principalities, the Caliphate of Baghdad, and later, even the Sung dynasty of China.

Genghis Khan and his successors, by defeating their regional rivals, established centralized control over the territory that latterday scholars of geopolitics have identified as the global heartland, or the pivot for world power. Their Eurasian continental empire ranged from the shores of the China Sea to Anatolia in Asia Minor and to Central Europe (see map). It was not until the heyday of the Stalinist Sino-Soviet bloc that the Mongol Empire on the Eurasian continent was finally matched, insofar as the scope of centralized control over contiguous territory is concerned.

The Roman, Chinese, and Mongol empires were regional precursors of subsequent aspirants to global power. In the case of Rome and China, as already noted, their imperial structures were highly developed, both politically and economically, while the widespread acceptance of the cultural superiority of the center exercised an important cementing role. In contrast, the Mongol Empire sustained political control by relying more directly on military conquest followed by adaptation (and even assimilation) to local conditions.

Mongol imperial power was largely based on military domination. Achieved through the brilliant and ruthless application of superior military tactics that combined a remarkable

capacity for rapid movement of forces with their timely concentration, Mongol rule entailed no organized economic or financial system, nor was Mongol authority derived from any assertive sense of cultural superiority. The Mongol rulers were too thin numerically to represent a self-regenerating ruling class, and in any case, the absence of a defined and self-conscious sense of cultural or even ethnic superiority deprived the imperial elite of the needed subjective confidence.

In fact, the Mongol rulers proved quite susceptible to gradual assimilation by the often culturally more advanced peoples they had conquered. Thus, one of the grandsons of Genghis Khan, who had become the emperor of the Chinese part of the great Khan's realm, became a fervent propagator of Confucianism; another became a devout Muslim in his capacity as the sultan of Persia; and a third became the culturally Persian ruler of Central Asia.

It was that factor—assimilation of the rulers by the ruled because of the absence of a dominant political culture—as well as unresolved problems of succession to the great Khan who had founded the empire, that caused the empire's eventual demise. The Mongol realm had become too big to be governed from a single center, but the solution attempted—dividing the empire into several self-contained parts—prompted still more rapid local assimilation and accelerated the imperial disintegration. After lasting two centuries, from 1206 to 1405, the world's largest land-based empire disappeared without a trace.” (pgs. 15-17)

Leaving behind their Muslim legacies, the Ottoman and the Mughal Empires. Little changed with their assimilation by the conquered peoples, as now these new absolutist regimes of the assimilated ruling class exercised ruthless power in the name of the same “God” of Islam, rather than formerly as the Central Asian Mongol barbarians. The Ottomans and the Mughals took imperial suzerainty from where the Umayyads, the Abbasides, and the Fatimides had left off, abusing Islam exactly as their predecessors, to inflict social control upon the masses in the name of “God”, and to infect the public with their own 'la mission civilisatrice' which supported imperial objectives, now largely held in check by the burgeoning European empire. And it is now, the contemporary history in the making of the Anglo Saxon's drive for a world government empire.

All principally enabled by the fracture lines among the Muslims themselves because of their slightly different theological understanding of the Holy Qur'an due to the open-ended interpretation of the verses of the Holy Qur'an that is possible, leading to losing the original message intended by the Author for the guidance to man. Once the Author's message is lost to individual interpretation, all the evil follows when the fault lines thus created fall into the grubby hands of *Supermen* and *Machiavelli* who know how to diabolically harness them in the name of “God” and “imperial mobilization”.

One can see perfect contemporary examples of the West's harvesting of Islam in Zbigniew Brzezinski crafting the Afghan Mujahideens in yesteryear as already examined in Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization. And today, in the crafting of 'militant Islam' vs. 'moderate Islam' Hegelian Dialectic, to create the “*revolutionary times*” necessary to seed the transformation into one-world government empire as already examined in The Mighty Wurllitzer.

It is only that, the abuse of the religion of Islam as an unmatched force for absolute social control in the name of “God”, and not its lofty purpose, concluded Mr. Spock, which led the Muslims to dizzying heights of unsurpassed empires for over seven hundred years, from 700 AD to 1400 AD. Muslim empires limped along, often in the throes of mediocrity, in competition with the rapidly burgeoning Western hegemony in Europe for

another five hundred years, until they were finally put out of their misery by an even more diabolical foe that had now surpassed the dynastic Muslim rulers in the arts and sciences of societal control and behavior manipulation. The authority of “God” was replaced with that of “Democracy”, and the pulpit by the *Mighty Wurlitzer*.

Why has the religion of Islam failed to transform society as it was intended, rather than be continually hijacked for “imperial mobilization”, pondered Mr. Spock.

The very concept of spiritual guidance in the Holy Qur'an is addressed to a very narrow audience, those who approach it with a “cleansed heart” (see detailed exposition in Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization). The rest are destined to be misled, as per the many admonishing proclamations in the Holy Qur'an. But, as Mr. Spock already knew by way of considerable empiricism, no society, from time immemorial, possesses such wonderfully pious public with a “cleansed heart” in the majority! “Hegemony is as old as mankind”, and so is its power to corrupt and to co-opt. “Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.”

It is also an observed empirical fact that the general mass intelligence among human beings is rather low, irrespective of the civilization they belong to. A human philosopher had once captured this empiricism with wit: “Most people would rather die than think; in fact, they do so”.***

Therefore, questioned Mr. Spock, how is this guidance of the Holy Qur'an which is initially meant for only a small minority among the public who are required to both reason and think, and also bring a “cleansed heart” to bear upon the divine message, supposed to transform the majority of the people in any society?

One brimming with unbridled optimism may perhaps blindly speculate that the first seeds of moral enlightenment among the minority will eventually germinate and percolate to the rest of society – the evolution of societies under Islam to their more egalitarian and sublime state of equity, social justice, and spiritual ascendancy – just like it arguably was on such a transforming path in the most backward piece of geography on earth at the time. In the desert of Arabia, when the Prophet of Islam established his ruling state in the small oasis called Medina during his own lifetime.

But not Mr. Spock, who had in fact been quite bored reading *Pollyanna* from the ship's library. He could already perceive that these are wonderfully lofty ideals of Islam no doubt, just like its predecessors' the Ten Commandments brought by Prophet Moses to the 'chosen peoples', and the 'love thy neighbor' Gospel brought by Prophet Jesus to their legateses subsequently known as Christians. None has transpired yet! But all have succeeded in leaving high-minded platitudes on elevated bookshelves of over 5 billion peoples who today claim to follow the Abrahamic creeds!

Practically speaking, reasoned Spock, if the masses are mainly unthinking creatures of habit and socialization, what does transformation really mean, apart from merely implanting new habits among the masses by social engineering – no cleansed hearts needed.

Mr. Spock is well aware that according to sociologists' empirical study of human societies still existing in the twenty-first century, at best less than 2% of the people think, about 8% think they think, and 90% wouldn't be caught dead thinking! In fact, stupider the masses, more gullibly they are led to any destination by the Machiavelli with social engineering, and with bread and circuses – and that has been a fact from time immemorial.

How can the Holy Qur'an counter that empirical reality among the wider populations of human beings with its platitudinous cleansed heart recipe? The way the Holy Qur'an is structured, that recipe principally requires the

ability to think and to reason, like Mr. Spock's mind, while overcoming the chains of socialization put on the public from birth, in order to fully decipher the message of the Holy Qur'an.

But if not more than 2% of any human society realistically has such rational capacity at this stage of their human development on earth, as is empirically visible, genuine heart cleansing can only remain unimplementable. This implies that holding diversity of views and remaining fragmented is the only practical outcome for such primitive societies, leaving the incredible statements of the Holy Qur'an to ultimately prevail to explain that empiricism:

- **“If Allah had so willed, He would have made you a single people,” ;**
- **“(His plan is) to test you in what He hath given you: so strive as in a race in all virtues. The goal of you all is to Allah; it is He that will show you the truth of the matters in which ye dispute.” ;**
- **“If ye differ in anything among yourselves, refer it to Allah and His Messenger, if ye do believe in Allah and the Last Day: That is best, and most suitable for final determination.” ;**
- **“Surely We have shown him the way: he may be thankful or unthankful.” ;**
- **“One day We shall call together all human beings with their (respective) Imams” ;**
- **'Then the Messenger will say: “O my Lord! Truly my people took this Qur'an for just foolish nonsense.”' ;**
- **“This is a people that have passed away; they shall have what they earned and you shall have what you earn, and you shall not be called upon to answer for what they did.” (all cited above)**

As evidenced above, the Author of the Holy Qur'an asserts to have fully empowered individuals, societies, and civilizations from time immemorial with His Divine Guidance System whether they be thankful or unthankful. And will hold all human beings to account for its implementation in their own lives and their own times in the company of their respective Imams, as precisely outlined in summary above. Be that as it may, the implementation of the Author's Divine Guidance System is nevertheless made even more impractical by the meta paradox of the Holy Qur'an, that the hijacking of its understanding has been enabled by the Holy Qur'an itself. Even the smartest minds in sophisticated societies have to deal with the challenge of accurately deciphering the Holy Qur'an due to its **Indeterminates!**

But the twain of that paradox is still another paradox – that perhaps it was this first paradox which enabled the Holy Qur'an to even survive in its cipher form as a pristine un-tampered text through the vicissitudes of empires built upon the abuse of the religion of Islam as a force for social engineering, in the first place. When Muslim power-mongers at the very inception of Islam's ascendance did not hesitate from slaughtering the progeny of the Prophet of Islam to occupy its highest pulpits despite the clear Qur'anic commandment to Muslims that loving the Messenger's near of kin in gratitude is a moral obligation put upon them, **'Say: “No reward do I ask of you for this except the love of those near of kin.”'**, the verses of the Holy Qur'an themselves would surely not have survived un-tampered had they effectively got in the way of *imperial mobilization*.

By using open-ended statements and indirections in its verses, i.e., by becoming a cipher, and by encouraging

its verbatim memorization and recitation on every occasion imaginable primarily as an oral message, the Author has certainly been able to safeguard the text of the Holy Qur'an from the villainy of human scribes and the vicissitudes of time. And here is the twain paradox – but who can decipher that pristine un-tampered cipher message of “no doubt” into its singular *plaintext* today without any doubt? Albeit, the Holy Qur'an has provided a cipher key for breaking this deadlock condition, to approach its cipher with a “cleansed heart” and all would be revealed: **“In a Book well-guarded, Which none shall touch but those who are clean (purified)”**, Surah Al-Waqia, 56:78-79, already quoted above.

Many millenniums later, despite the indirections and the unknowns, the pristine text of the Holy Qur'an has still enabled the solely left-brained Mr. Spock to reason through the cipher using only the Holy Qur'an itself as the criterion to adjudicate his reasoning. As should be readily apparent to the reader, validating the broad claims of the Holy Qur'an, Mr. Spock has certainly comprehended quite a bit already.

But the paradox of trying to comprehend in totality, the Infallible Words of the Author from the fallible words of the scribes of history persists. This paradox is deeply inherent in the Holy Qur'an and no amount of rationalization of how pristine and un-tampered the Qur'anic text really is due to it being a convoluted cipher rather than a straightforward *plaintext* message in the first place, can wipe it away.

Mr. Spock pushes this macro meta puzzle on the top of his evaluation stack, realizing fully well that albeit a totality of understanding may be difficult to acquire, a reasonable, even if ultimately partial, understanding may still be achieved to finally resolve all paradoxes with logical self-consistency once he has dug his way to the very bottom of the Pandora's box.

In its deep unraveling, avers Mr. Spock with the bold optimism of a rational logician who only makes predictive hypotheses based on facts uncovered thus far, must be the one master key to the question posed at the very top. Mr. Spock is now ever more curious to dig deeper because it is obvious to him that acquiring such a master key could potentially lead to uniting the Muslims into Islam's long cherished goal of **أُمَّةً مُسْلِمَةً**.

Mr. Spock has realized that unlike peoples of other religions, Islam and the Holy Qur'an evidently continue to play a much greater role in the daily lives of Muslim nations on earth in nearly all cultures and civilizations of the East. The West is also not immune to its intoxicating grip upon the Muslim peoples living there. The public's oral recitation of the Holy Qur'an, if not its penetrating study, is ubiquitous among the Muslim masses and comprises their essential Islamic ethos. It is a pathetic shame therefore, that they each understand the same text differently, leading to needless fracture lines among them that are always ripe for harvesting by the vile and the villainous. Something should be done about this – despite the potential of the *prime directive* adversely interfering with that lofty objective (to not have the highly evolved Star Trek folks in the fable meddle with primitive war-mongering civilizations in the galaxy and to let them evolve or die away on their own natural curve).

Accurately unraveling the principal first cause of disunity among Muslims from which every schism, every empire, and every evil has followed, logically surmised Mr. Spock, would minimally lead to eliminating all sectarianism from among them. Since the Muslims already possess the common text of the Holy Qur'an which they are all already united upon, and mainly only differ in what it means. A rational elimination of these now very powerful fracture lines, a happenstance of history, would also eliminate the ease of abuse of Islam by rulers and empires who thrive on historical obfuscation, on aiding and abetting internecine violence, on sectarian divides, pitting one narrative against the other among the ignorant partisans to assert their own primacy and its geostrategic imperatives. Eliminating just that singular source of global threat to other worlds

and other civilizations, would be worth violating the prime directive for, reasons Mr. Spock.

Mr. Spock recognizes, with his long exposure to the exercise of hegemony and to the evolution of societies – sometimes due to being conquered, and sometimes due to resistance to being conquered – that, if Muslim societies were permitted to evolve their comprehension of the real meaning of Islam and the sublime guidance to mankind offered in the Holy Qur'an, and if knowledge of this new understanding was permitted, even encouraged, to percolate down to the Muslim masses, firstly, all such subversions for “*imperial mobilizations*” would automatically be thwarted. Secondly, the concomitant societal journey towards a progressive more egalitarian state of existence from the present stifling ritualistic one, would also be natural and automatic. The old stultified generations carrying the cultural reactionary memories that had ossified into stale rituals and incomprehensibility, by such a positive evolutionary process, would automatically be supplanted by new knowledge and understanding of the timeless Holy Qur'an.

That process would naturally lead to the evolution of the Muslims as a people, and thus to the evolution of Muslim societies along the pristine parameters laid out in the Holy Qur'an, with its emphasis on egalitarianism, knowledge acquisition, *ilm*, as in verse 20:114, alongside its uncompromising focus on moral sublimity and social justice, as in *Surah al-Asr*, the Chapter 103 of the Holy Qur'an. It would require substantial social and personal evolution of Muslims from where they are today, fools, scapegoats, stooges, patsies, and victims of hegemonic *imperial mobilization* since the very inception of Islam. That would surely be of immense benefit to the entire Universe, Mr. Spock reasons.

But, he lamentably ponders, which ruling class and threatened interests among them would ever permit such a positive transformation to occur on its own, without substantial use of a counter force, when it would kill the golden goose which lays the imperial egg?

Especially, when such transformation would finally even unite the Muslims into one enlightened people who would be next to impossible to conquer for inimical interests so long as they remained vigilant of the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and worked preemptively to thwart its subversion as in the past.

However, a bent tree can hardly ever be straightened without breaking it, as Mr. Spock well knows. And that unfortunate empiricism may necessitate that the religion of Islam, as preserved in its un-tampered scripture, continually resuscitate itself in new cultures and new civilizations, among new peoples, each time for a better implementation of divine guidance, while leaving the corrupted and hijacked nations to naturally decay away into oblivion. There is no arresting, never mind curing, cancer in an already decaying society.

With that as the overarching backdrop of the import of his study, Mr. Spock decides to dig his electrified mind into a deeper more penetrating examination of the meaning of Islam. His mathematical genius now simply had to solve these puzzles and paradoxes of the Holy Qur'an which appeared to be a sophisticated stochastic process seeding perpetual diversity among mankind via socialization bias, but with a breathtaking unity of purpose:

“If Allah had so willed, He would have made you a single people, but (His plan is) to test you in what He hath given you: so strive as in a race in all virtues. The goal of you all is to Allah; it is He that will show you the truth of the matters in which ye dispute.” Surah Al-Maeda 5:48

Conclusion Part-II

We set out to address the question posed at the top in this Part-II:

What are the inherent impediments for studying the message of the Holy Qur'an which make the Book so amenable to self-serving interpretation, socialization, and even bastardization by anyone?

If the reader's mind hasn't been entirely asleep through this long perusal, the discovery that the presence of **Indeterminates** in the Holy Qur'an which necessitates going outside of its pristine pages to resolve them, is primarily responsible for the paradox that the Holy Qur'an has itself contributed to its subversion, must be disconcerting to the honest mind. The Muslims, generation after generation, have themselves contributed to this state of affairs by remaining ossified in the narratives of history rather than progressively evolving their understanding of the principles of Islam as espoused directly in the text of the Holy Qur'an. That lamentable fact has arrested their evolution as a people, mired them in rituals and rites which dominate their socialization and their practice of religion, and opened them to sectarian schisms which has made them easy prey to the *supermen* and *Machiavelli*. The unfortunate truth of these observations is straightforwardly validated by the lamentable fact that even in today's modernity, one which is run exclusively by superior intellects who use game theory, psychology, social engineering, and political science to orchestrate "*imperial mobilization*" under the primacy imperatives of the new *White Man's Burden* for one-world government, even the best among the Muslim scholars and intellectuals, politicians and statesmen, poets and dreamers, pressmen and prostitutes, remain nonetheless wiser. In fact, many have become *house niggers* willingly carrying the *White Man's Burden*. And like the Muslim masses, many also offer their daily prayers on time, keep all their fasts, feed the poor, and perform their Hajj, preferably multiple times. And if one informs them that they are in fact destined for hell, hell right here on earth, they confidently reply that they are looking forward to Heaven elsewhere.

To be continued in Part-III

Footnotes: * An evaluation stack is an abstraction, an idea from computer science. It can be used to solve almost any computational problem. An entire computer can be built using just this form of underlying computation. Not very efficient, but simple to implement. My very first course in computer science as an undergraduate at MIT taught this basic abstraction of a stack machine. As the terminology *prima facie* suggests, an evaluation stack is a stack, just like a stack of dirty dishes. You *push* a dirty dish onto the top of stack for cleaning, and you take the top most dish from the top of the stack to clean it first (called *pop*). Using this metaphor here is just for the convenience of thinking that the puzzles are soluble and not intractable – they just need solving.

** Zbigniew Brzezinski, *The Grand Chessboard*, 1997, pg. 24

*** Bertrand Russell

Credits

Qur'an Arabic text and translation courtesy of: <http://tanzil.net>

Qur'an Audio courtesy of: <http://versebyversequran.com>

Qur'an Translations in English by Yusufali, Shakir, and Pickthall

Source URL: <http://faith-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/08/islam-why-is-quran-easy-to-hijack-pt2.html>

Case Study URL: <http://humanbeingsfirst.wordpress.com/hijacking-quran/>

First Published Friday, August 19, 2011, 19th day of Ramadan in the US, Muslim year 1432 | Extended
August–October 2012

II

Chapter 2 Hijacking the word “Islam” for Mantra Creation (adapted from The Mighty Wurlitzer)

Taking a Deeper Look into the Dynamics of Mantra Creation: Islamofascism

Let's begin at the very inception of the 'arc of crisis' which Zbigniew Brzezinski laid the groundwork for during his reign of terror upon the USSR as the National Security Advisor to the 38th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter. See Instrumenting Kosovo in the 'arc of crisis' and the 'global zone of percolating violence' (<http://tinyurl.com/arc-of-crisis>) for other details of the epoch and its connections to the present 'War on Terror'. It suffices to quote here the following brilliantly clairvoyant statement attributed to Israeli Intelligence founder from the same epoch in 1979, a full two decades prior to 9/11:

'On Sept. 23, 1979, the founder of Israeli intelligence over dinner told me that America was developing a tolerance for terror. The gentleman's name was Isser Harel, the founder of Mossad Israeli intelligence-he ran it from 1947 to 1963. He told me that America had developed an alliance between two countries, Israel and Saudi Arabia, and that the alliance with Saudi Arabia was dangerous and would develop a tolerance for terror among Americans. He said if the tolerance continued that Islamic fundamentalists would ultimately strike America. I said "Where?" He said, ***"In Islamic theology, the phallic symbol is very important. Your biggest phallic symbol is New York City and your tallest building will be the phallic symbol they will hit."*** Isser Harel prophesied that the tallest building in New York would be the first building hit by Islamic fundamentalists 21 years ago.' Source

And Mossad again betrayed its brilliant clairvoyance 20 years later:

'The attacks on the World Trade Centre's twin towers and the Pentagon were humiliating blows to the intelligence services, which failed to foresee them, and to the defence forces of the most powerful nation in the world, which failed to deflect them. The Telegraph has learnt that two senior experts with Mossad, the Israeli military intelligence service, were sent to Washington in August to alert the CIA and FBI to the existence of a cell of as many of 200 terrorists said to be preparing a big operation. ***"They had no specific information about what was being planned but linked the plot to Osama bin Laden and told the Americans that***

there were strong grounds for suspecting Iraqi involvement," said a senior Israeli security official.' --- UK Telegraph, 16 Sep 2001

Seeded by that "prophesy" from the stellar Israeli intelligence mind, British Zionist Svengali at Princeton University, Professor Bernard Lewis planted the '**The Roots of Muslim Rage**' in 1990 in the Council on Foreign Relations' prestigious magazine *Foreign Affairs*. An influential establishmentarian mouthpiece which is read around the world by those who believe that if you want to know what will happen ten years from now in any remote corner of the world, read *Foreign Affairs* of ten years ago:

"In 1990 Bernard Lewis, a leading Western scholar of Islam, analyzed '**The Roots of Muslim Rage,**' and concluded: 'It should now be clear that we are facing a mood and a movement far transcending the level of issues and policies and the governments that pursue them. **This is no less than a clash of civilizations** – that perhaps irrational but surely historic reaction of an ancient rival against our Judeo-Christian heritage, our secular present, and the worldwide expansion of both. It is crucially important that we on our side should not be provoked into an equally historic but also equally irrational reaction against our rival.'" --- Samuel Huntington, *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*, 1996, pg. 213

That 'Muslim Rage' was subsequently transformed in 1996 into a full blown political ideology for governing International Relations of the sole superpower as the infamous 'Clash of Civilizations', by Bernard Lewis' confrere and fellow Zionist at Harvard University, Professor Samuel Huntington:

'The underlying problem for the West is not Islamic fundamentalism. It is Islam, a different civilization whose people are convinced of the superiority of their culture and are obsessed with the inferiority of their power. The problem for Islam is not the CIA or the US Department of Defense. It is the West, a different civilization whose people are convinced of the universality of their culture and believe that their superior, if declining, power imposes on them the obligation to extend that culture throughout the world. These are the basic ingredient that fuel conflict between Islam and the West.' --- Ibid. pg. 217

'Some Westerners, including [ex] President Bill Clinton, have argued that the West does not have problems with Islam but only with violent Islamist extremists. Fourteen hundred years of history demonstrate otherwise.... **Islam is the only civilization which has put the survival of the West in doubt, and it has done that at least twice...** The parallel concepts of 'jihad' and 'crusade' not only resemble each other...' --- Ibid. pg. 209

This systematic myth construction of 'Islamic Terror' was prime for harvesting as the global 'War on Terrorism' on September 11, 2001 by George W. Bush with the dialectical ultimatum to the world: ***"either you are with us, or with the terrorists"***!

Within 15 minutes of the super terrorism of that day in infamy, the newsmedia had been awash in naming the first terrorist: Osama Bin Laden! The scripted discourse is of course repeated ad nauseum to this very day, the last time by President Obama himself while announcing the boogeyman's demise on May 1, 2011: ***"Good evening. Tonight, I can report to the American people, and to the world. The United States has conducted an operation that has killed Osama Bin Laden, the leader of Al Qaeda."***

That's of course, after already having reiterated on the heels of his predecessor, on June 4th 2009, who was responsible for 9/11: ***"But let us be clear. Al Qaeda killed nearly 3000 people on that day. The victims were***

innocent men, women, and children from America and many other nations who had done nothing to harm anybody.”

And all foretold by the clairvoyance of the Zionist Israeli Mossad founder, and reinforced by other Israeli Military Intelligence Mossad agents in the days just preceding 9/11, of the brilliant Islamic fundamentalists' successful attack on the West's most prominent ***“phallic symbol”***.

Bernard Lewis subsequently justified George W. Bush's launching of the global 'War on Terrorism' in his phantasmic 2003 book *Crisis of Islam – Holy War and Unholy Terror*. First by reinforcing his earlier seeding of the mantra of 'the roots of the irrational Muslim rage', and extending those roots to Islam itself:

'But Islam, like other religions, has also known periods when it inspired in some of its followers a mood of hatred and violence. It is our misfortune that we have to confront part of the Muslim world while it is going through such a period, and when most – though by no means all – of that hatred is directed against us.' --- Bernard Lewis, *Crisis of Islam – Holy War and Unholy Terror*, pg. 25

And then clairvoyantly predicting the following self-serving conclusions as his last word:

'If the fundamentalists are correct in their calculations and succeed in their war, then a dark future awaits the world, especially that part of it that embraces Islam.' --- Ibid. Chapter IX: The Rise of Terrorism, pg. 164

'If freedom fails and terror triumphs, the peoples of Islam will be the first and greatest victims. They will not be alone, and many others will suffer with them.' --- Ibid. Afterword, December 1, 2003, pg. 169

The Collateral Damage to Language for Synthesizing the Doctrinal Motivation of Islamofascism

Before we continue further, it is necessary to deconstruct the crafty use of language for synthesizing the aforementioned propaganda to fuel the “War on Terror”. The following is extracted from Project Humanbeingsfirst's very critical response to the CAIR (Council on American Islamic Relations) Report titled Calling CAIR to Account for its Omissions, for their egregiously omitting the most crucial fact of the matter in their otherwise stellar documentation of the rise of Islamophobia in America. The CAIR report (which incidentally underscores the observation that the name Council on American Islamic Relations sounds awfully similar to the Council on Public Relations founded by Edward Bernays to recast systems of propaganda into a new respectable light as “public relations” after World War II, the pathetic report is evidently serving the same function) was issued in collaboration with the Center for Race & Gender at the University of California, Berkeley. The significance of the following dismantling from first principles, beginning with the very use of language and the re-semanticization of words to construct the propaganda system of Islamofascism, will not be lost to the builders of tall totem poles who worry about having plausibly sound doctrinal foundations in order to have propaganda stand at all.

Let's examine the usage of the word “Islam” by Bernard Lewis.

Unlike Christians and Christianity, Muslims have two completely separate words to designate the people who proclaim to follow the religion or are born into that culture (Muslims) vs. the divine religion (Islam). Any time you see one terminology aliasing for another, you might do well to remember that there is some axe to grind somewhere. Bernard Lewis is the venerable master of this obfuscation being amiably carried by CAIR without reservation. Bernard Lewis began his treatise “Crisis of Islam – Holy War and Unholy Terror” with the following gem:

“It is difficult to generalize about Islam. To begin with, the word itself is commonly used with two related but distinct meanings, as the equivalents both of Christianity, and Christendom. In the one sense, it denotes a religion, as system of beliefs and worship; in the other, the civilization that grew up and flourished under the aegis of that religion. **The word Islam thus denotes more than fourteen centuries of history, a billion and a third people, and a religious and cultural tradition of enormous diversity.**” --- Bernard Lewis, Crisis of Islam, pg. 1

That last sentence is the diabolical deception with which imperial craftsmanship subverts our religion: ***“The word Islam thus denotes more than fourteen centuries of history, a billion and a third people, and a religious and cultural tradition of enormous diversity.”***

According to the Author of the Holy Qur'an upon which the religion of Islam is based, the word “Islam” denotes only, and only, the following:

“This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favor on you and chosen for you Islam as a religion;” (Arabic **الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ**) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Maida 5:3)

Indeed. Islam is the name of a religion, “deen” (**الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا**).

That is the only, repeat only, context in which the word “Islam” can be legitimately used. It is the only context in which Qur'an has used it, indicating a divine religion to which the Author of the Qur'an itself gave the name “Islam”. The people didn't chose that name. Whether or not someone believes in Qur'an's “divinity” is irrelevant to us here; that is what the Book and the Religion upon which Bernard Lewis is proffering his imperial scholarship, itself proclaims.

This is very significant. The word “Islam” is quite distinct from the word used to designate Islam's followers and the affairs of its followers. That separation of terminology is itself espoused in the Holy Qur'an by virtue of having a separate terminology to refer to the followers. Once again, while this may sound repetitious, but to the Western mind wholly attuned to referring to Christians and Christianity with the same root word devolving from their God named “Christ”, no amount of repetition can ever be sufficient to drive the point home. The Qur'an itself defined a different nomenclature to name its followers; the followers didn't:

“Our Lord! make of us Muslims, bowing to Thy (Will), and of our progeny a Muslim nation, bowing to Thy (will); and show us our place for the celebration of (due) rites; and turn unto us (in Mercy); for Thou art the Oft-Returning, Most Merciful.” (Arabic **رَبَّنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا مُسْلِمِينَ لَكَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِنَا أُمَّةً مُسْلِمَةً لَكَ وَأَرِنَا مَنَاسِكَنَا وَتُبْ عَلَيْنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ**) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara 2:128)

This separation of terminology is in fact a singular distinction of Islam in comparison to all the other Abrahamic religions, indeed all major religions of the world including Hinduism, Bhuddism, and Zoroastrianism, which do not feature such a clear separation.

This is why followers of Prophet Muhammad for instance, are not called “Mohammedans”, nor believers of Islam “Islamic”, “Islamist”, etc. except by the prejudicial orientalist.

The word designated in the Holy Qur'an for human beings who are Muslims, regardless of good or bad people, pious or murderers, sinners or saints, is “Muslims”, or to be exact in the transliteration, “Muslimeen” (مُسْلِمِينَ). The Muslims throughout the world are referred to as “Muslim Umma”, or to be exact in the transliteration, “Ummat-e-Muslima” (أُمَّةٌ مُسْلِمَةٌ).

All who misuse the Qur'anic terminology, Muslims and non-Muslims alike, are either ignorant peoples – and there are always plenty of “learned morons” and parrots in every epoch who are deftly planted on the pulpit – or, the respected apprentices of Machiavelli. In the latter case, they deliberately try to subvert the religion of Islam by associating it with the inglorious deeds and the kingly history of Muslims.

One can immediately see the result of such gratuitous binding. It enables drawing false and specious associations by overloading the semantics in an already well-defined nomenclature.

That is the principal basis for subliminally, as well as cognitively, binding something virtuous (the religion) with something abhorrent (the vile deeds of the peoples, their kings, their cultures, their civilization). Thus, when the word Islam is mentioned, the abhorrent, or whatever is deemed abhorrent by Oriental scholarship, naturally springs to the mind of the seduced.

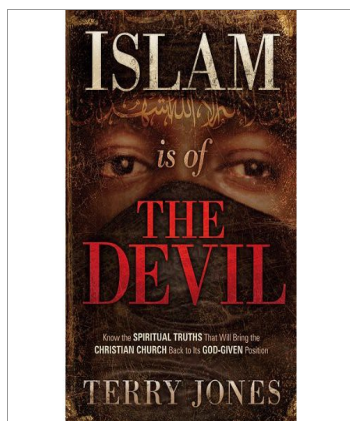
Based solely on that premeditated collateral damage to language that Samuel Huntington, the late circus clown of empire at Harvard, diabolically made the already quoted statement on “Islam” in his treatise “The Clash of Civilizations”. It is reproduced again because now we dissect it from the language point of view:

“The underlying problem for the West is not Islamic fundamentalism. It is Islam, a different civilization whose people are convinced of the superiority of their culture and are obsessed with the inferiority of their power. The problem for Islam is not the CIA or the US Department of Defense. It is the West, a different civilization whose people are convinced of the universality of their culture and believe that their superior, if declining, power imposes on them the obligation to extend that culture throughout the world. These are the basic ingredient that fuel conflict between Islam and the West.” (Samuel Huntington, *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*, 1996, pg. 217)

Since when did the word "Islam" indicate civilization? A civilization is an aggregate of peoples, harboring one or more cultures, one or more languages, one or more customs, one or more religions. Like the Western civilization which has the nations of German, French, English, American, Russian, etceteras, that many languages, and many religions are practiced in these nations, including atheism, Christianity, and Islam. Whereas Islam is a religion, a “deen”. A religion can be practiced in any civilization, by any peoples, including right here in the USA.

Samuel Huntington's teacher was evidently Bernard Lewis, as evidenced from their common re-semantification of the word “Islam”. This is how Huntington was able to demonize Islam: ***“The underlying problem for the West is not Islamic fundamentalism. It is Islam,”*** and ***“These are the basic ingredient that fuel conflict between Islam and the West.”*** We have already witnessed the passage above in which Samuel

Huntington cited his Princeton University confrere Bernard Lewis as the author of *'The Roots of Muslim Rage'* and the first authority on the *"Clash of Civilizations"*. They incestuously reinforce each other rather well, don't they? Cass Sunstein, the other propagandist Harvard Law professor and President Obama's information czar, referred to such incestuous self-reinforcements in his erudite paper on *"Conspiracy Theories"* in the more refined academic jargon, as *"crippled epistemology"*.



Caption The Hegelian Dialectic side A: Reviling Islam (Islam is of The Devil by Pastor Terry Jones)

As we perceptively observe, it is the diabolical misuse of language which first and foremost enables drafting a thesis like *"Clash of Civilizations"*. (See *Prisoners of the Cave* Chapter 9 which deconstructs Huntington's craftsmanship in more depth.) Such theses, made erudite and plausible sounding with the IVY League stamp, are thence crafted into simple propaganda to seed the Mighty Wurlitzer's many compositions. It is repeated ad nauseum thereafter.

Since Western people's point of reference is mainly *Christianity* where the common root word denotes everything, the people "Christians", the religion "Christianity", the civilization "Christendom", even the God "Christ" – in fact everything that Bernard Lewis falsely and maliciously imputed to Islam on page 1 of his propaganda manual *"Crisis of Islam"* – the same *kitchen sink* linguistics devilishly attributed to Islam, repeatedly, makes it believable for the un-informed Western public.

Thus, maligning Islam before the un-informed masses becomes a child's play for the Mighty Wurlitzer. Effective propaganda is always targeted only at the ordinary un-informed peoples, *"the crowd of simpletons and the credulous"*, as examined in the report *Manufacturing Dissent*. Its core

purpose is to control public behavior by instilling false beliefs.

And we can see its rich harvest not in just the 'United We Stand' against "militant Islam" and the unfettered "imperial mobilization" and "shock and awe", but in the Qur'an burning, Islam bashing, and other Islamophobic festivities of the ignorant people against Muslims. It is surely not a surprise then, that Islamophobia should have increased steadily in the United States and the West since 9/11. Islamophobia is only the desired and natural effect of the propaganda system of the Mighty Wurlitzer. Like the festering boil on the protesting bride's lip, it is only symptomatic of the real syphilis beneath the virtuous wedding gown.

This crucial analysis unarguably illustrates how imperial scholars incestuously reinforce each other in implanting the *"doctrinal motivation"* mentioned by Zbigniew Brzezinski as being necessary for *"imperial mobilization"*. It was pretty much the same protocol in the quest for *Lebensraum* of the Third Reich in yesteryear. At Nuremberg, the Nazi Party's chief philosopher, Alfred Rosenberg, was hanged for his mumbo jumbo. The third Reich's chief of propaganda, Reichminister of Propaganda and National Enlightenment, Dr. Joseph Goebbels, committed suicide after administering cyanide to his wife and six young children before the long arm of justice could wring his neck. Just thought I'd mention that in passing.

Such premeditated collateral damage to language, with the concomitant priming of doctrinal fuel for the long gestating mantras of *"The Roots of Muslim Rage"* years in advance of its catastrophic unveiling, is what so trivially enabled forging a bipartisan political consensus on the US foreign policy of aggression and invasion in the immediate aftermath of the shock effects of 9/11. The Patriot Act I was passed quickly without reading,

and the entire United States Congress, save one member, gave its green light to invade Afghanistan. The mightiest and richest nation on earth patriotically savaged the poorest and weakest nation on earth in a broad political consensus. The American peoples 'United We Stand' saluting the flag, and motor car bumper stickers proudly proclaimed "We Support Our Troops".

Please refer back to Zbigniew Brzezinski's quoted passages above to refresh your memory that he had shrewdly stated in 1996: ***"Moreover, as America becomes an increasingly multicultural society, it may find it more difficult to fashion a consensus on foreign policy issues, except in the circumstance of a truly massive and widely perceived direct external threat."*** *The Grand Chessboard* effectively blueprints the entire chain of causal linkages which have empirically transpired since 9/11, exactly as it was for Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.

Furthermore, also recall the previously quoted clairvoyant statements made by the so called Terrorism Study Group. These too lend prima facie evidence for how the Mighty Wurlitzer **premeditatively** harnessed the 'searing' or 'molding' event of 9/11, the "new Pearl Harbor", to successfully capitalize on the pre-implanted public myths of Islamofascism to launch the perpetual "War on Terror". For, in all that confusion surrounding the event of Catastrophic Terrorism, fait accompli of the despotic response by the sole superpower was automatically seeded because ***"Like Pearl Harbor, such an event [divides] our past and future into a 'before' and 'after.'"*** Now anything goes because ***"what is inconceivable in normal times is possible in revolutionary times"***, including launching aggressive wars against innocent nations, and turning one's own nation into a police-state. Ex post facto, print all about it in the New York Times!

Thus, also recall the previously mentioned chutzpah of their mea culpa, ex post facto, led by the Iraq Study Group in 2005 blaming "intelligence failure" for the missing WMDs in Iraq, and the New York Times in 2008 blaming the Pentagon, see Pentagon's Message Machine Behind TV Analysts, Pentagon's Hidden Hand, April 20, 2008. More such revelations will continue to occur as world government is incrementally cemented. Someday, even sixth graders will learn about it with a tad more honesty than the public is permitted to know today, just as school children candidly learn today about the genocide of the native American Indians on their own land.

What had appeared to casual observers who had been interested enough to read this stuff before the events of 9/11, to be only academic psychoanalyses of the American public, became the actual reality of "imperial mobilization" exactly as was so boldly foretold in these public writings.

It is also useful to recall at this point that the US Chief prosecuting counsel at Nuremberg, Robert H. Jackson, had declared on hearing the feigned protestations from the Nazi leadership on trial that they didn't know anything about Hitler's plans for *Lebensraum*:

"The plans of Adolf Hitler for aggression were just as secret as *Mein Kampf*, of which over six million copies were published in Germany" --- Justice Robert H. Jackson in his closing speech at Nuremberg, on Friday, 7/26/1946, Morning Session, Part 3, Trial of the Major War Criminals before the International Military Tribunal

Thus, Islamophobia steadily rising even in the tenth year of the catastrophic terrorism of 9/11 as documented by CAIR and the University of California, Berkeley, is a direct descendent of the Dynamics of Mantra Creation for "Islamofascism". One can no more describe the effects of Islamophobia without also describing its first cause, the American *Mein Kampfs* written by Jewish hands in Muslim blood to launch "imperial mobilization", than one can describe the color of a tree without describing its first cause, the DNA of the tree.

Don't these scholars know their own literature? Can't they judge motivation? Can they not add two plus two to equal four? Will they also brazenly feign on their own day of reckoning that they were just highly paid ignorant morons unaware of the new *Mein Kampfs* rather than the learned scholars they are now presented to be?

Only vulgar propagandists and traffickers in truth will hide the causal linkages between pre-planned doctrines and the unfolding reality. That is a crime against the people! And only fools and useful idiots among them will pretend to not understand that crime. And that is the overarching success of the Mighty Wurlitzer. The myth of militant Islam has been successfully cast into perceived reality for the public.

The Hegelian Dialectic Militant Islam vs. Moderate Islam

The preceding success of the Mighty Wurlitzer effectively enables introducing the Hegelian Dialectic of “moderate Islam”.

Once demonized sufficiently with “militant Islam” and “islamofascism”, with “Islamophobia” sufficiently priming the public, the new propaganda slogan automatically becomes: **we want to “reform Islam” for a more “moderate Islam”!**

To mobilize this new devil like the previous one for “militant Islam” also requires the same *“high degree of doctrinal motivation, intellectual commitment, and patriotic gratification.”* as perceptively observed by Zbigniew Brzezinski in The Grand Chessboard. Please refer back to the full quoted excerpt above to remind yourself of this fact.

Thus new comparable works of “doctrinal motivation” become available preaching “moderate Islam”. These works and writings started appearing immediately in the aftermath of 9/11 with learned Muslim clerics making loud proclamations against “militant Islam” and speaking of “good Muslims” vs. “bad Muslims” (see interview Shaykh Hamza Yusuf Hanson, San Jose Mercury News, Sunday Edition, September 16, 2001, [cached](#)). Clerics most faithfully echoing the core message of empire are immediately invited to the White House and to the Presidential Address in Congress by President George W. Bush Jr. and seated with Laura Bush and Tony Blair for dutifully speaking out against “Militant Islam” (watch [CSPAN](#) Presidential Address, September 20, 2001, see [video image](#) of Shaykh Hamza Yusuf with Laura Bush, Tony Blair, Donald Rumsfeld offering standing ovation to George W. Bush's pending invasions of Muslim nations along with the rest of United States Congress). Religious *fatwas* are issued against “militant Islam” and terrorism by “moderate” clerics in favor of “moderate Islam” (see [Response to the Fatwa on Terrorism in the Service of Empire](#), this [photograph](#) reveals the *fatwa* granting cleric Tahir ul Qadri prominently seated and speaking at the World Economic Forum).

Report Video Issue

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

SEP 20, 2001

U.S. Senate
U.S. House of Representatives

White House Travel | DC Event


President Bush addressed a joint session of Congress following terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. He pledged to pursue terrorists around the world, called on Americans to be patient in what could turn .. [Read More](#)

1 hour, 4 minutes
3,552 Views

[View Program Timeline](#)

Recommend

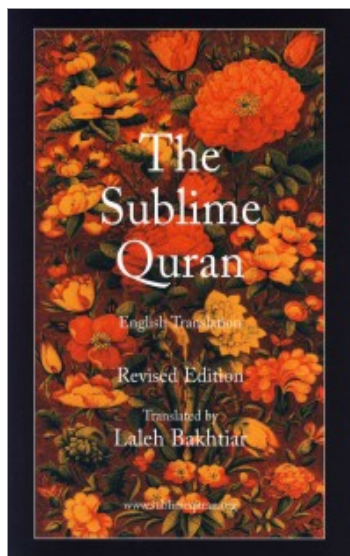
Sign Up to see what your friends recommend.



Caption Shaykh Hamza Yusuf Hanson, a fiery Muslim cleric from San Jose, California, convert from Christianity, founder of Zaytuna College in Berkeley to teach “moderate Islam” to American Muslims, attending George W. Bush's presidential address to US Congress on September 20, 2001, seated immediately behind British Prime Minister Tony Blair, American First Lady Laura Bush, and American Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, giving standing ovation to the American president's announcement of perpetual war on “militant Islam” (Photograph source [CSPAN](#)). *How does a convert Muslim cleric get such rapid security clearance that within just 9 days of the most catastrophic terrorism on America's soil, he is seated with the most powerful rulers of the world – and applauding their waging of barbaric wars upon Muslim nations? Only a long cultivated intelligence asset of the Mighty Wurlitzer for cognitive infiltration of the American and Western Muslim Mind!*



Caption Pakistani *house niggers*, Imran Khan and Tahir ul Qadri, seated on the massa's table at the Western super financial elite's World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland, January 27, 2011. (Photograph source: a reader submission) *How did these two political “no-ops” of least significance get invited to world economic forum for the white man's recognition? They are neither financiers, nor industrialists, and nor do they hold any economic or financial ministerial position within the government of Pakistan. Yes, as Western intelligence assets managed by their local counterpart, both are being rewarded for selling the massa's pitch on “moderate Islam” (even in their occasional controlled dissent with the Pakistani establishment which is most dutifully towing the massa's full line on “militant Islam”). And Tahir ul Qadri specifically for his “600 page Fatwa on Terrorism”. Both house niggers artfully retain the core axioms of massa on “militant Islam” to continually push the envelope of the Hegelian Dialectic forward as a self-fulfilling prophecy!*



Caption **The Hegelian Dialectic side B: Reforming Islam** “... *Quran translated by an American woman. This modern, inclusive translation refutes past translations that have been used to justify violence against women.*” (The Sublime Quran By Laleh Bakhtiar)

New translations of the Holy Qur'an are marketed to “*bring reform to Islam*” by respectable progressive scholars (see [Critique: Laleh Bakhtiar and The Sublime Quran](#)). Shocking eye-catching news headlines in Westerndom's most prestigious newspapers announce their availability (see The Sunday Times of London, March 31, 2007, [Wife-beating rejected in 'new' Koran](#)).

And the same three ring circus is masterfully conducted by the Mighty Wurlitzer with the “moderate Islam” show added to play concurrently in the same broad arena with many other side shows (switching metaphor for appropriateness). The crucial difference in this instance however is that it is seemingly staged by “reform minded”, progressive, as well as conservative Muslims themselves. Sophisticated and scholarly looking Muslim intellectuals are recruited for this purpose from across the intellectual spectrum (see [FAQ What is an Intellectual Negro?](#)).

Muslim bookstores prominently feature the “reform Islam” authors' works with glowing tributes: “*This is the first edition of the Quran translated by an American woman. This modern, inclusive translation refutes past translations that have been used to justify violence against women.*” (see [Kazi Publications](#), frontpage [cached](#)). Please refer to [Critique: Laleh Bakhtiar and The Sublime Quran](#) where the following commonsense is noted with respect to the preceding statement:

'It is your grave misconception that Muslims beat their wives because the Holy Qur'an gives them permission to beat their wives. Muslims also kill their wives, do honor killings of their children and family members, and a thousand other grotesque and equally criminal things in Muslim societies – **and the Holy Qur'an strictly forbids it all.**

And Muslims do no more horrendous acts than the pious Western Christians and holy Western Jews who commit the most heinous crimes, and monumental crimes against humanity which are on-going even as I write this. The white man today is calculatingly killing and raping far more Muslim women on a daily basis with “shock and awe”, drone attacks, military occupation, to the thunderous silence of Western champions of human rights than any Muslims assaulting their wives in domestic quarrels because of 4:34. **But of course it is Islam which needs to be reformed first with a new translation of the Holy Qur'an.** Daniel Pipes must be feeling rather pleased with himself for this fortuitous gift.' --- Zahir Ebrahim in his letter of critique to Laleh Bakhtiar

It is evidently more effective if respectable looking mainstream Muslims themselves appear to drive the demand to “*bring reform to Islam*” for “moderate Islam” rather than Jews like Daniel Pipes, David Horowitz, Bernard Lewis, the late Samuel Huntington, the neo-cons at AIPAC, JINSA. AEI; Christians like the 700 Club, Quran burning pastor of the Church in Florida whose book on Islam is pictured above; the White House, the

Pentagon; the think-tanks; the Western courts, et. al., appear to be driving it. **The synergistic WWF wrestling matches however always only collect windfall profits for the same root promoter.**

The revealing thing to observe here is the intriguing background of some of the most prominent among these “moderate Islam” shrill voices in America. They are often converts to Islam from Christian heritage and have become self-taught scholars of Islam in America with imposing command of Arabic. The loud mouth striving to **“bring reform to Islam”** by writing an entirely new English translation of the Holy Qur'an no less, titled *The Sublime Quran* (see image above), grew up as a Catholic of mixed Iranian-American parentage. She is Laleh Bakhtiar, Ph.D. in Education Psychology. As a linguist in Arabic and English, she employs the same re-semanticization of the word “Islam” as Bernard Lewis and Samuel Huntington when she pitches **“bring reform to Islam”!** In the Critique: Laleh Bakhtiar and The Sublime Quran:

'You surely could not have meant 'reform the religion of Islam' for which the Holy Qur'an stated: **“This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favor on you and chosen for you Islam as a religion;”** (Arabic **الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا** Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Maida 5:3)

You are going to reform what Allah [perfected]?

You surely must have meant to say 'reform the misunderstandings among the Muslims regarding Islam.'

Then why not just say exactly what you mean?

Does the statement “bring reform to Islam” mean the same thing as 'bring reform to Muslims' to a grammarian and linguist who has translated the Holy Qur'an from Arabic into English?' --- Zahir Ebrahim in his letter of critique to Laleh Bakhtiar

And the loudest mouth decrying “militant Islam” from the first day of 9/11 is of course Hamza Yusuf, convert to Islam from Orthodox Christianity. He was studying to be a male nurse in Santa Clara California where I knew him in the 1980s giving fiery Friday sermons to the delight of the pious Muslim worshipers, before he conferred upon himself the lofty honorific of “Shaykh” in the 1990s and started his own institute to teach “moderate Islam” to Americans. Called the Zaytuna Institute, now Zaytuna College in Berkeley. He is well respected among many American Muslims who swear by his scholarship with an almost cult like faith – the “moderate Islam”. He has acquired international fame for his oratory and his command of the arcane in the Muslim writings of antiquity so revered by the majority of Muslims. He told the UK Guardian's Jack O'Sullivan in an article titled: 'If you hate the west, emigrate to a Muslim country', October 08, 2001:

' "Many Muslims seem to be in deep denial about what has happened," he says. "They are coming up with different conspiracy theories and don't entertain the real possibility that it was indeed Muslims who did this. Yet we do have people within our ranks who have reached that level of hatred and misguidance." '

Jack O'Sullivan introduced Hamza Yusuf in the lede to his aforementioned article with this description:

'Hamza Yusuf is arguably the west's most influential Islamic scholar. Many Muslims find his views hard to stomach, but he is advising the White House on the current crisis, and today he will be talking to religious leaders in the UK'.

As respected Muslim opinion makers bearing exactly the right credentials to appeal to their respective Muslim

constituencies, they make great useful idiots and/or assets for this Hegelian Dialectic just like their “militant Islam” counterparts, whether or not they are themselves aware of it. It is no different than the suicide bombers recruited for “militant Islam” and being handled by local intelligence handlers who themselves deeply believe in their divine mission quite oblivious to the reality that they are dancing to the Mighty Wurlitzer's tune. Unless of course, also like many of their counterparts in the theater of “militant Islam”, they too were psychologically profiled and directly recruited as controlled sleeper assets of the Mighty Wurlitzer a long time ago for later harvesting.

Empiricism has the bad habit of revealing the obvious. It is especially pertinent to observe how this Hamza Yusuf character immediately sprung into prominent action as if on cue in the immediate aftermath of 9/11. When the rest of American news media was blaming “militant Islam” within 15 minutes of 9/11, Hamza Yusuf managed to get his interview published in the San Jose Mercury News in the very first Sunday's edition after 9/11, September 16, 2001, condemning “militant Islam” with pious indignation. And on September 20, 2001 was in the White House, and seated next to Laura Bush in Congress. And thereafter meeting British leaders selling the empire's story to Muslims in Britain.

No Trojan Horse agent of the Mighty Wurlitzer could have done more than Hamza Yusuf did – contribute directly to build consensus for invading Afghanistan and the 'War on Terror' by driving it from the angle of “moderate Islam”.

It is no accident that each and every prominent proponent of “moderate Islam” and “reform Islam” also promulgates that 9/11 was done by “militant Islam” echoing the core-axiom of empire!

And this is precisely what betrays them, the fact that they are running with the foxes while hunting with the hounds. **Otherwise the Hegelian Dialectic would not work!**

The message to their own flock is simple but effective, drawn right from Edward Bernays text book on Propaganda quoted at the very beginning of this report, and Hitler's Mein Kampf. Just as Dr. Joseph Goebbels had a very simple message for corralling the Germans, these Muslim leaders have an equally simple message for their flock adapted from empire's singular core-axiom. First, in order to refresh one's memory, this is what is reported in Mein Kampf:

'The success of any advertisement, whether of a business or political nature, depends on the consistency and perseverance with which it is employed.

In this respect also the propaganda organized by our enemies set us an excellent example.

It confined itself to a few themes, which were meant exclusively for mass consumption, and it repeated these themes with untiring perseverance.

Once these fundamental themes and the manner of placing them before the world were recognized as effective, they adhered to them without the slightest alteration for the whole duration of the War.

At first all of it appeared to be idiotic in its impudent assertiveness. Later on it was looked upon as disturbing, but finally it was believed.

But in England they came to understand something further: namely, that the possibility of success in the use of this spiritual weapon consists in the mass employment of it, and that when employed in this way it brings full returns for the large expenses incurred.

In England propaganda was regarded as a weapon of the first order, whereas with us it represented the last hope of a livelihood for our unemployed politicians and a snug job for shirkers of the modest hero type. ...

I learned something that was important at that time, namely, to snatch from the hands of the enemy the weapons which he was using in his reply. I soon noticed that our adversaries, especially in the persons of those who led the discussion against us, were furnished with a definite repertoire of arguments out of which they took points against our claims which were being constantly repeated.

The uniform character of this mode of procedure pointed to a systematic and unified training.

And so we were able to recognize the incredible way in which the enemy's propagandists had been disciplined, and I am proud to-day that I discovered a means not only of making this propaganda ineffective but of beating the artificers of it at their own work. Two years later I was master of that art.' [Mein Kampf, Adolph Hitler, Vol. 2, Chapter VI]

Now compare to what is repeated ad nauseam and with great consistency from virtually every “good” Muslim mosque pulpit and from every “good” Muslim institutional soapbox including the most prominent American Muslim civil rights organization CAIR noted earlier, each using their own diction of course to inflict precisely the following Propaganda for “moderate Islam”:

- it was “militant Islam” which is responsible for 9/11 attacks,
- these are the “bad” Muslims, we are the “good” Muslims, we don't do terrorism,
- we must fight terrorism,
- we must support our government to fight the militants,
- and we must practice “moderate Islam” which is the true Islam,
- our blessed Prophet was a “moderate”,
- he did not kill innocent peoples,
- the Qur'an forbids killing innocent people. --- Propaganda message of “moderate Islam”

Consequently, religion-based as well as secular-based voices of “moderate Islam”, the lofty bearers of this propaganda feast for the *“the crowd of simpletons and the credulous”*, are immediately effective in corralling the majority of “good” Muslims. They span the full gamut of persuasions from conservatives (Hamza Yusuf et. al.) to reform oriented progressives and seculars (CAIR et. al., Laleh Bakhtiar et. al.). All “good” Muslims end up “United We Stand” with the empire in its perpetual war against “militant Islam” following their respective pied pipers. This propaganda transcends the sectarian divide among the “good” Muslims in the West. This is the dominant characteristic of the vast majority of the 'United We Stand' mainstream Muslims.

To draw upon empiricism to validate, observe the “good Muslims” inextricably caught in this Hegelian Dialectic in Muslims against Terrorism (frontpage cached), and watch the rich and famous make Proud to be American Muslims videos to distance themselves from “militant Islam”. Joseph Goebbels would be immensely proud of his legatees. At the peak of hubris, Sieg Heil is the only reality!

The few angry Muslims escaping Sieg Heil like the rest of the few angry citizens, but still caught in the Hegelian Dialectic are corralled by the controlled dissent-space anxiously waiting to welcome them. See

Hegelian Dialectic of Dissent below.

The controlled dissent is run very efficiently on a treadmill permitting the angry Muslims along with the rest of the Western public to vent their lungs out shouting in the streets, and their fingers out typing on the internet, before they return back to their jobs Monday morning feeling fresh from the weekend catharsis. The too angry among them who are not so easily placated by “weekend jihad” soon acquire the label “bad” or “terrorist”. There is no escape for them so long as they remain caught in the Hegelian Dialectic.

Please go back a little to the Guardian interview with Hamza Yusuf quoted above and observe the uncanny exactness in the wording which almost mirrors the New York Times' anointing Noam Chomsky. Between “[*Noam Chomsky is*] *arguably the most important intellectual alive*” (New York Times) driving the Left, and “[*Hamza Yusuf is arguably the west's most influential Islamic scholar*” (Guardian) driving the Muslim Right, both proclaiming “militant Islam” attacked America on 9/11 in great synergy with the White House and the Pentagon, the field is covered.

One heads the manufacturing dissent factory catching those who escape the Hegelian Dialectic of “militant Islam” vs. “moderate Islam”, the other heads the manufacturing consent factory for “moderate Islam” against “militant Islam” beating the imperial drums.

Where you gonna go?

Those few who eventually wisen up to it all and fearlessly exit that Hegelian Dialectic altogether are now attempted to be corralled in warmly welcoming “conspiracy” groups strategically cultivated for exactly this purpose as part of “*imperial mobilization*” planning. As Cass Sunstein put it in “[Conspiracy Theories](#)”, these groups lend “*beneficial cognitive diversity*” to aid statecraft defocus all the angry energies.

If the Hegelian Dialectic didn't get all the morally angry people as it did the vast majority of the public diabolically trapped between the false paradigm of “militant Islam” vs. “moderate Islam” and controlled dissent all sharing the empire's core-axioms, this trap catches the remaining majority. Watch how the most intelligent among this lot soon find themselves in the 9/11 Truth Movement. See [Toronto Hearings: A strange cast of characters among 9/11 Truth Leadership](#).

That treadmill is strategically designed to occupy the remaining morally angry people studying 9/11 mysteries and how the WTC towers came down repeatedly calling for “new investigations”. The “*history's actors*” of course, unbeknownst to these bright lads, have already announced that this is precisely what they shall all be kept busy with: “*We're history's actors . . . and you, all of you, will be left to just study what we do.*” In the meantime, the “*history's actors*” have acted again and created “*new realities*”.

There is no exit from that trap either so long as one is kept occupied with the previous fait accompli leaving the “*history's actors*” free to enact new ones!

The aforementioned set of comprehensive fly traps pretty much ensnare what appears to this scribe to be close to ninety nine percent of the nation's citizenry. About the remaining odd percent (or two), Adolph Hitler had observed in his Mein Kampf: “*the value of these [skeptics] lies in their intelligence and not in their numerical strength,*”! No one pays any attention to them whatsoever. If they speak, they are first ignored, then reviled, and then made an offer they can't refuse. As part of “imperial mobilization” planning, statecraft ensured via the Patriot Acts, police state laws, “no fly lists”, etc., that there remained no effective means for ordinary citizens to ever effectively mobilize themselves together on a single focussed goal of derailing “imperial mobilization” and therefore pose any threat whatsoever to their plans.

From the propaganda of Islamofascism to domestic police state was one short jump in this slick game of “imperial mobilization”.

The exercise of primacy always is. And the role of the Mighty Wurlitzer, as we can now appreciate, is indispensable across the entire spectrum of social engineering to get people to consent to what is happening to them! Please refer back to the statements made by Aldous Huxley in his talk in 1961 quoted above: *'Well, it seems to me that the nature of the Ultimate Revolution with which we are now faced is precisely this: that we are in process of developing a whole series of techniques which will enable the controlling oligarchy who have always existed and presumably always will exist, to get people actually to love their servitude!'*

The perpetual 'war on terror' is not mere happenstance and over-reaction to catastrophic terrorism as some of empire's leading detractors too *innocent of knowledge* gullibly argue. The evidence presented here demonstrates it to be diabolically premeditated in no less a measure than the Third Reich's march to *Lebensraum* after the full disclosure of their intent in *Mein Kampf*. In both cases, the public had to be mobilized since **“Democracy is inimical to imperial mobilization.”** In our case, *Lebensraum* is world government, and as reasoned by Bertrand Russell, **“World government could only be kept in being by force.”** (Bertrand Russell, *Impact of Science on Society* Ch. 2, pg. 37)

The Hegelian Dialectic Militant Islam vs. Moderate Islam will surely go down in history as among the greatest enablers of war, rivaling and perhaps surpassing both Communism vs. Fascism and Communism vs. Capitalism of the twentieth century. It is their legatee for the twenty-first century. As previously noted, it is already called “World War IV”. The blood stains accumulated on all the saintly hands enabling it, as of those prosecuting it, won't be cleansed by all the perfumes of Arabia while they sleep holily in bed! (Shakespeare Macbeth) Fortunate are those who at least experience PTSD and can't sleep holily in bed (see Zahir Ebrahim, Letter: A Cure for America's War Veterans who have fertilized the 'arc of crisis' in Muslim blood).

The Hegelian Dialectic Militant Islam vs. Moderate Islam however is still designed to play a multifaceted role beyond the *prima facie* one of each of its individual components.

The mantra of “reform Islam” is the more pernicious of the two. While “militant Islam” has seditiously enabled police states in the West which all can experience themselves without having to read about it, “moderate Islam” is intended to enable the new world religion for these police states which few among the public are able to apprehend just yet.

Many useful idiots who play their role like actors on stage, some believing in the promise of “moderate Islam”, have little understanding of the entire show, their script only being for Act II. Act I was obviously “militant Islam” in this Hegelian Dialectic.

Acts III and IV which are coming up next after the intermission for which the stage is now being set, is to harvest the calculated subversion of all established religions, specifically the religion of Islam, to pave the way for the introduction of Secular Humanism – the new religion of world Government (see Islam vs. Secular Humanism and World Government).

Short URL: <http://tinyurl.com/mightywurlitzer>

Source URL: <http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2009/05/note-on-mighty-wurlitzer.html>

First Published May 31, 2009

III

Chapter 9 Islam in the Service of Empire

Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization

The very foundation of hegemony and empire lie in the public holding largely facile views of truths essential to the rulers

I sometimes like to tee off my writings on the human condition from the opinions I hear being expressed among the common man, in the grapevine, or in the news media. The quoted perspective below is from an unknown website written by an anonymous person. It expresses the seeds of a crucially pertinent topic to the human condition which is examined in considerable depth in this article.

'On occasions, I feel Muslims 'lose' something when it comes to religion. I am speaking about the second last prophet Jesus or Isa (E-sa) peace be upon him. ... My general opinion of Muslims is that they tend to take on a facile view of Christianity ... I get the feeling that this may be because: If an increase in discussions by Muslims of Jesus (pbuh) were to take place, it would be perceived as "being Christian".' ---- [article](#)^[1]

Where to seek knowledge, wisdom, when all bearers of knowledge and wisdom, both in the East and the West, appear to be shilling for self-interest? When the bearers of knowledge today also appear to be the greatest manipulators and predators of man? And when the knowledge seeker too is naturally beholden to socialization and susceptible to accepting facile world views ingrained since birth?

The interesting perspective embodied in that quote which inspired me to address this issue, is along the lines which reduce to the following empiricism: Human beings in general don't tend to appreciate what is not part of one's own socialization.

Furthermore, with suitable inculcation, this lack of appreciation can span the gamut of behavior from remaining largely indifferent to being outright antagonistic to what's not perceived as one's own. The limit of that of course being intense doctrinal hatred and warfare.

This is pretty much a universal trait. An observable universal truism if there is one. And just as applicable to one as to another.

Upon this truism is the manipulative jingoism of antiquity to modernity constructed. We see this from tribalism to

ethnocentrism, sectarianism to religionism, racism to culturalism, and nationalism to patriotism.

It is even the basis of the following formulation in Zbigniew Brzezinski's *The Grand Chessboard – American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives*: ***“More generally, cultural change in America may also be uncongenial to the sustained exercise abroad of genuinely imperial power. That exercise requires a high degree of doctrinal motivation, intellectual commitment, and patriotic gratification.”*** (pgs. 211-212)

I mention that not to needlessly digress, but only to point out the universality of the principle that the seeding theme being responded to and developed, has outlined just one instance of.

Recognizing this innate psychological trait of mankind (one presumes) is why the author of the Qur'an, which Muslims of course believe is the Creator (while other's believe was a lunatic), makes an extraordinary pronouncement on this very topic in Surah Al-Maeda:

<p>“It was We who revealed the Torah (to Moses); therein was guidance and light. By its standard have been judged the Jews, by the Prophet who bowed (as in Islam) to Allah’s will, by the Rabbis and the Doctors of Law: for to them was entrusted the protection of Allah’s Book, and they were witnesses thereto: therefore fear not men, but fear Me, and sell not My Signs for a miserable price. If any do fail to judge by (the light of) what Allah hath revealed, they are (no better than) Unbelievers. (5:44)</p>	<p>إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا التَّوْرَةَ فِيهَا هُدًى وَنُورٌ يَحْكُمُ بِهَا النَّبِيُّونَ الَّذِينَ أَسْلَمُوا لِلَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالرَّبَّانِيُّونَ وَالْأَحْبَارُ بِمَا اسْتُحْفِظُوا مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ وَكَانُوا عَلَيْهِ شُهَدَاءَ فَلَا تَخْشَوُا النَّاسَ وَاخْشَوْا وَلَا تَشْتَرُوا بِآيَاتِي ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا وَمَنْ لَمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ</p>
<p>We ordained therein for them: “<i>Life for life, eye for eye, nose for nose, ear for ear, tooth for tooth, and wounds equal for equal.</i>” But if anyone remits the retaliation by way of charity, it is an act of atonement for himself. And if any fail to judge by (the light of) what Allah hath revealed, they are (no better than) wrong-doers. (5:45)</p>	<p>وَكَبَبْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ فِيهَا أَنَّ النَّفْسَ بِالنَّفْسِ وَالْعَيْنَ بِالْعَيْنِ وَالْأَنْفَ بِالْأَنْفِ وَالْأُذُنَ بِالْأُذُنِ وَالسِّنَّ بِالسِّنِّ وَالْجُرُوحَ قِصَاصٌ فَمَنْ تَصَدَّقَ بِهِ فَهُوَ كَفَّارَةٌ لَهُ وَمَنْ لَمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ</p>

<p>And in their footsteps We sent Jesus the son of Mary, confirming the law that had come before him: We sent him the Gospel: therein was guidance and light, and confirmation of the law that had come before him: a guidance and an admonition to those who fear Allah. (5:46)</p>	<p>وَقَفَّيْنَا عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِم بِعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَآتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنْجِيلَ فِيهِ هُدًى وَنُورٌ وَمُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَهُدًى وَمَوْعِظَةً لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ</p>
<p>Let the people of the Gospel Judge by what Allah hath revealed therein. If any do fail to judge by (the light of) what Allah hath revealed, they are (no better than) those who rebel. (5:47)</p>	<p>وَلِيَحْكُمَ أَهْلُ الْإِنْجِيلِ بِمَا أُنزِلَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ ۖ وَمَن لَّمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ</p>
<p>To thee We sent the Scripture in truth, confirming the scripture that came before it, and guarding it in safety; so judge between them by what Allah hath revealed, and follow not their vain desires, diverging from the Truth that hath come to thee.</p> <p>To each among you have We prescribed a Law and an Open Way.</p> <p>If Allah had so willed, He would have made you a single people, but (His plan is) to test you in what He hath given you: so strive as in a race in all virtues.</p> <p>The goal of you all is to Allah; it is He that will show you the truth of the matters in which ye dispute. (5:48) ” Holy Qur’an, Surah Al-Maeda 5:44-48</p>	<p>وَأَنزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمُهَيْمِنًا عَلَيْهِ ۖ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَهُم بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ ۖ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ عَمَّا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ ۚ لِكُلٍّ جَعَلْنَا مِنكُم شُرْعَةً وَمِنْهَاجًا ۚ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَجَعَلَكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَٰكِن لِّيَبْلُوَكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُمْ ۖ فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ ۚ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا فَيُنَبِّئُكُم بِمَا كُنتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ</p>

Caption Holy Qur'an Surah Al-Maeda verses 5:44-48 on Islam's fundamental acceptance of plurality of beliefs, and its enjoining mankind to strive for good alone, *as in a race in all virtues*, while staying within their own socialized belief systems and following their own prophets. Observe that there is no “saving” by conversion in Islam as in the religion of the Christian; and there is also no everlasting certificate of virtue as “god's chosen people” as in the religion of the Jew; and nor class hierarchy by

birth as in the religion of the Hindu. Man is judged by his or her acts alone, of both commission and omission, in Islam. How much more explicit can Islam's singular scripture, the Holy Qur'an, be? And yet, the incessant propaganda barrage against Islam and its noble Messenger, as in the FBI training presentation graph (see below), continually succeeds among the "information-age" soaked Western mind – just as indifference, apathy, and fatalism of “*god is running the world*” continually succeeds among the religion-soaked Muslim mind. Facile? Or the success of The Mighty Wurlitzer? (<http://tinyurl.com/mightywurlitzer>)

And to ensure that the point is not lost here, permit me to highlight the solution-space outlined in the above passage by none other than the presumed Almighty Creator of mankind: ***“To each among you have We prescribed a Law and an Open Way. If Allah had so willed, He would have made you a single people, but (His plan is) to test you in what He hath given you: so strive as in a race in all virtues. The goal of you all is to Allah; it is He that will show you the truth of the matters in which ye dispute.”***

The Author of the Qur'an is in fact rather emphatic about “*matters in which ye dispute*”:

“And in whatever thing you differ, its decision is unto God” (Arabic: وَمَا اخْتَلَفْتُمْ فِيهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَحُكْمُهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Ash-Shura 42:10

If one were to endeavor to judiciously extract the core principle from that multicultural pronouncement, noting that the Author of the Holy Qur'an affirms that It did not deny Its Message or Its Messengers to any among mankind (even though only a very few are explicitly mentioned in the Holy Qur'an such as in Surah Al-Maeda 5:44-48 above):

“And verily We have raised in every nation a messenger, (proclaiming): Serve Allah and shun false gods” (Arabic: وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah An-Nahl 16:36 ;

“And for every nation there is a messenger. And when their messenger cometh (on the Day of Judgment) it will be judged between them fairly, and they will not be wronged.” (Arabic: وَلِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولٌ فَإِذَا جَاءَ رَسُولُهُمْ قُضِيَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِالْقِسْطِ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Yunus 10:47 ;

“Surely We have sent you with the Truth as a bearer of good news and a warner; and there is not a people but a warner has gone among them.” (Arabic: إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَإِنْ مِنْ أُمَّةٍ إِلَّا خَلَا فِيهَا نَذِيرٌ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Faatir 35:24 ;

and that furthermore, the Author of the Holy Qur'an even requires anyone who accepts Its teachings to also accept all Its past Revelations to all peoples as an article of faith:

“And who believe in that which has been revealed to you and that which was revealed before you and they are sure of the hereafter.” (Arabic: وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara 2:4 ;

one discovers a governing principle that is universally applicable to all of mankind, to all beliefs, and to no belief:

1. [to] mind one's own business for what one does not feel is one's own, as in the case of what's outside one's own sphere of socialization; and
2. [to] compete with each other in virtuous conduct (فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ) Surah Al-Maeda 5:48) rather than religious or any other upmanship.

In my humble view, this is outstanding guidance to a fractious mankind who are naturally psychologically prone to tribalism, ethnocentrism, the modern version of it being nationalism – all by the natural artifact of birth and socialization. By the admission of the author of the above verse, it is by design that the Creator made mankind into separate peoples and nations and gave each localized affiliations: ***“If Allah had so willed, He would have made you a single people”*** (**أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً**) Surah Al-Maeda 5:48).

Of course, when one looks at evolutionary biology and sociology, that is the natural outcome of how mankind has developed in many different tribes and nations across the earth. And the Author of the Holy Qur'an provides guidance du jour taking empiricism of mankind's present and future condition into account while also clearly recognizing that in the past, it was but one people:

“Mankind was but one nation, but differed (later). Had it not been for a Word that went forth before from thy Lord, their differences would have been settled between them.” (Arabic: **وَمَا كَانَ النَّاسُ إِلَّا أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَمَا اخْتَلَفُوا** وَلَوْلَا كَلِمَةٌ سَبَقَتْ مِنْ رَبِّكَ لَفُضِّيَ بَيْنَهُمْ فِيمَا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Yunus 10:19

What is apparent from even these few quoted verses in accurate and full context of the Holy Qur'an, is that for all future times from its Last Messenger's revelation of the Holy Qur'an, which was itself declared by the Author of the Holy Qur'an as the completion of its favors and the perfection of its religion which it named “Islam” (see verse 5:3 Surah Al-Maeda below), the Holy Qur'an accepts and guarantees diversity of beliefs based on the natural artifacts of individual and group socialization.

If you don't prefer the message of Islam, no problem – ***“there is no compulsion in religion”*** declares the Holy Qur'an (see verse 2:256 Surah Al-Baqara below). Follow the guides, imams, that were sent to your own people and on the Day of Judgment, declares the Holy Qur'an: ***“One day We shall call together all human beings with their (respective) Imams”*** (see verse 17:71 Surah al-Israa' below) and ***“it will be judged between them fairly, and they will not be wronged.”*** (see verse 10:47 Surah Yunus above).

The clear message of the Holy Qur'an to everyone among mankind, Muslim and non Muslim, whatever sect, whatever ethnicity, whatever nation, and whatever epoch, is to compete for virtuous conduct (**فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ**) amongst themselves – not for resources, not for territories, and not power! The Holy Qur'an continually harkens mankind towards dealing with each other in full justice, even unequivocally averring that God loves those who are just and deal equitably with each other:

“For Allah loveth those who judge in equity.” (Arabic: **إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ**) Holy Qur'an Surah Al-Maeda 5:42

That straightforwardly puts to rest all religious and sectarian arguments for all times! Just that much is sufficient to both repel all propaganda against Islam, and eliminate all internecine fracture points and facile views among Muslims. But we have only just begun.

The obvious overarching point to ponder here is that why go through all this repetition once again if justice among mankind is the core first-principle the Holy Qur'an is teaching for mankind's conduct amongst each other? Everything else of course naturally follows from that core first-principle. But it is not a new or unfamiliar concept.

The following Biblical Commandment from antiquity was, and still is, at least in my view, both complete and sufficient for governing the peaceable, equitable, and virtuous conduct of mankind:

“Do unto Others as you have others do unto you.” (The Bible: Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:31; Old

Testament Mosaic Law; Socrates; Confucius; Solon)

So, why does mankind need anything more than that one primary fundamental Biblical statement? Indeed, one can easily surmise that all beneficial national constitutions, international and local laws, trade treaties, foreign policies, inter and intra governing principles, and even effective principles for dispute resolutions, are logically derivable from just that one ancient first principle, for a fairly equitable co-existence of mutual benefit for all mankind. There'd be no room for masters and slaves under the corollaries derived from such an egalitarian first principle!

While that universal pithy wisdom is deemed Biblical, I have found evidence of its truism in other antiquity as cited above. For instance, Solon the Athenian law giver, according to Plutarch's Lives, when asked which city he thought was well-governed, said: ***“That city where those who have not been injured take up the cause of one who has, and prosecute the case as earnestly as if the wrong had been done to themselves.”***

Even beyond divine religion, in the realm of logic and rational empiricism alone, the following operations-research (OR) logical formulation due to Bertrand Russell, a man of considerable beliefs in no religion, is the most commonsensical recipe of governing peaceable human conduct. In my own succinct rendition, Bertrand Russell's formulation goes something like this (and I am putting it in single quotes to indicate that the formulation belongs to Russell but the words may not all be his):

'Maximize individual happiness while minimizing social conflict for optimizing the overall common-good.' (Bertrand Russell's prescription to do away with religion as the bearer of moral law, probably in 'Why I am not a Christian' and similar writings)

With just a little bit of reflection, one will see that Bertrand Russell captures the beneficial essence of many religions, including Islam, in at least so far as “haquq-al-ibad”, i.e., the rights of man upon man, otherwise known as moral law, are concerned, quite admirably.

By just using rational empathetic logic which hinges on spreading virtue rather than glory, vice, hegemony, and conquest, one can come up with reasonably equitable methods of governing oneself in any age, and among any peoples.

However, the Author of the Holy Qur'an having commanded the path to virtue in its perfection of its favors upon mankind which it called “Islam”, is as meaningless as man coming up with it on his own sensible logic and reason, if man is unwilling or unable to implement it:

“This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.” (Arabic: الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا) Verse fragment Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Maeda 5:3, 632 AD

“Hegemony is as old as mankind.” Zbigniew Brzezinski, The Grand Chessboard – American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives, 1996 AD, pg. 3 – the book's dedication reads: “For my students—to help them shape tomorrow's world”

Thus, if nihilist followers of Zbigniew Brzezinski's predatory foreign policies which predicate upon primacy and its geostrategic imperatives because they believe that “*Hegemony is as old as mankind*” so why change it, choose sociopathic mass psychology to mobilize the public to villainy and infamy by bequeathing to them only facile worldviews, well, that's not because there is any shortage of great platitudinous recipes in either the divine books of antiquity, or the modern mind of reason as the Deistic philosophers of eighteenth century enlightenment argued (of which Bertrand Russell was the atheist legatee).

That choice, of exercising villainous hegemony or equity and benevolence upon the 'untermenschen', is entirely man's of course. The Author of the Holy Qur'an itself asserts that such a choice between life's governing principles is entirely up to mankind in all its diversity of existence, and is neither a monolithic diktat of triumphalism, nor a choiceless matter like being born to one's parents:

“There is no compulsion in religion.” (Arabic: لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara, 2:256

“There surely came over man a period of time when he was a thing not worth mentioning. (هل أتى على الإنسان حين من الدهر لم يكن شيئاً مذكوراً) (Arabic:)

Surely We have created man from a small life-germ uniting (itself): We mean to try him, so We have made him hearing, seeing. (Arabic: إِنَّا خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ أَمْشَاجٍ نَبْتَلِيهِ فَجَعَلْنَاهُ سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا) (بصيرًا)

Surely We have shown him the way: he may be thankful or unthankful.” (Arabic: إِنَّا هَدَيْنَاهُ السَّبِيلَ إِمَّا شَاكِرًا وَإِمَّا كَفُورًا) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-insaan 76:1-2-3

The overarching point being, at the risk of being repetitious, whatever the religion, whatever the people, and whatever the culture and geography, man naturally gravitates firstly towards one's own kith and kin, and secondly towards one's own socialization which principally gives birth to one's dominant worldview. It is all but a truism that just as one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter, one man's “messiah” is another man's lunatic.

And Islam, recognizing this natural human tendency for partisanship and tribalism due to socialization from birth, proffered the above quoted solution of Surah Al-Maeda 5:44-48 to those who believe in Islam, and also to those who wish to learn about Islam, that this religion, this way of life, this “deen” which Allah perfected for those who wish to believe in it of their own free will, does not bring the threat of forced triumphalism to mankind.

That Islam cherishes diversity and enjoins the people to compete only in virtuous conduct (فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ) amongst themselves even as they live in their own respective socialization of birth, faiths, tribes and nations, forming a diverse multicultural milieu of mankind.

That, if God wanted to, mankind could have been made into all one people just as they were in the past and ***“their differences would have been settled between them”*** (see 10:19 Surah Yunus above).

That, if people disagree in matters of theology, religion, and other esoterica upon which faith is often based, to leave the resolution of such disagreements to God alone (see 42:10 Surah Ash-Shura above) --- lest the Muslims at any time in the future, senselessly imbued with empire and its '*la mission civilisatrice*', criminally come to carry the '*white man's burden*':

“And if your Lord had pleased, surely all those who are in the earth would have believed, all of them; will you then force men till they become believers? And it is not for a soul to believe except by Allah's permission; and He casts uncleanness on those who will not understand.” (Arabic: وَلَوْ شَاءَ رَبُّكَ لَآمَنَ مَن فِي الْأَرْضِ كُلُّهُمْ جَمِيعًا أَفَأَنْتَ تُكْرِهُ النَّاسَ حَتَّى يَكُونُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ وَمَا كَانَ لِنَفْسٍ أَنْ (Arabic: تُؤْمِنَ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَيَجْعَلُ الرَّجْسَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Yunus 10:99-100

Surah Al-Maeda 5:44-48 and other supporting verses quoted above in full context, put to rest in finality, all false charges brought by Western war-mongers, of their merely defending themselves from Islam's

“Triumphalism” in their holy war against “Islamofascism”.

As these unambiguous verses in their complete context clearly convey in the direct words of the Holy Qur'an itself, there isn't any “Triumphalism” in Islam. It is a charge more suited to Pauline Christianity (today's mainstream Christianity of almost every denomination and sect), whereby, to “save” mankind from eternal damnation, the unworthy humanity has to all be converted to belief in Christ!

All such charges are vulgar propaganda against Islam, conveyed today no differently than it was conveyed during the Christian Crusades, by some very diabolical “Western scholars of Islam” in order to cultivate facile views among their ignorant Western peoples. (See for instance, Bernard Lewis: *Crisis of Islam – Holy War and Unholy Terror*)

Without such facile views, the masses cannot be readily mobilized against “Islamofascism” in the fabricated “clash of civilizations”. As Zbigniew Brzezinski self-servingly but accurately presaged in *The Grand Chessboard*: ***“democracy is inimical to imperial mobilization ... except in conditions of a sudden threat or challenge to the public's sense of domestic well-being.”*** (pg. 36) See Pastor Terry Jones below.

The directive of Surah Al-Maeda 5:44-48 is also very explicit for Muslims. There is no ambiguity in it. These are not allegorical verses (مُتَشَابِهَاتٌ); their meaning is very straightforward, established, and unequivocally clear (آيَاتٌ مُّحْكَمَاتٌ). (See verse 3:7 of Surah Aal-'Imran for Qur'an's own definition of the two types of verses in the Holy Qur'an; every verse and verse fragment of the Holy Qur'an has to be understood in the entire context of the Holy Qur'an, and not just in isolation of its occurrence or else it can easily lead to constructing a facile or even false understanding of the topic. See the case study “Islam: Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to hijack? Part-I”^[2])

Although, it must be admitted that, the universal principle of virtuous and amicable co-existence among the diversity of nations as those outlined in Surah Al-Maeda 5:44-48, and the corollaries to be deduced from it and from several verses like it in the Holy Qur'an, requires at least a modicum of reflection and some basic ability to reason.

Parrots memorizing the Holy Qur'an as an inheritance, can no more come to understand it than any other talking parrot, regardless of the beauty of its voice and feathers!

Were such reasoning a characteristic of Muslim scholarship, the scholars of Islam would have long extinguished the flames of sectarianism among the Muslims which had originally arisen in the epoch of the Prophet of Islam itself, not due to any misunderstanding of the Holy Qur'an and the Prophet's teachings for the Exemplar lived and taught among them, but purely due to vested interests. These vested interests ab initio planted the pernicious seeds of absolutist kingdoms and empires to come in the future. These empires subsequently endowed their scholars to interpret and canonize the imperial religion – the hijacking of Islam into an unsurpassed Muslim empire lasting 700 years in the name of Islam's God – for their masses. (Ibid.)

Today, we are merely their inheritors and unable to go back to the fundamental teachings of Islam beyond the superficial rituals. For the only original sources we have beside the Holy Qur'an, are the works of these very partisan and sectarian scholars of empire who had hijacked Islam! More details can be gleaned in the investigative case study on how the Holy Qur'an itself contributed to its own subversion: “Islam: Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to hijack? Part-I”.

But pertinent to the topic at hand, Surah Al-Maeda 5:44-48 bears such a momentous general concept of acceptance of others in the religion Islam, that this concept is even formulaically rehearsed countless times

each day in daily prayers by its adherents without any reflection whatsoever. For, if one spent even 10 minutes thinking about what many "pious" among Muslims likely repeat at least 17 times daily, if not more, one would easily see that very core-principle at work for oneself.

That repetitive formulation is Surah Al-Fatiha of the Holy Qur'an, its very first Surah. It is recited countless times daily by Muslims as a prayer. Just look at it with some reflection rather than rehearsing it as a parrot and matters become transparent. And what does it say?

First let's see what it does not say:

1. there is no mention of the word "muslim" in it ;
2. nor is there any mention of the noble name of the harbinger of the Qur'an, its Exemplar.

If one were not so imbued with one's own socialization since birth, one would surely ask the following question to oneself: why not?

If Islam is the last Testament, its Prophet the last Messenger, and the Holy Qur'an the last Word on the matter of Divine Guidance to mankind, why have the following riddle in its ***the most essential*** Surah:

"Show us the straight path," (Arabic إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ)

"The path of those whom Thou hast favoured. ..." (Arabic: صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Fatiha 1:6-7

Why command the reciter of that Surah to beseech the Creator to show him or her the "straight path", a path that is not named or labeled or identified in any other way other than as the "straight path", a singular path, and only identified as the path of those whom (plural) have been bestowed "divine favors" (plural), or who have been divinely favored? But no names are mentioned for any further identification!

Why send the poor seeker of divine wisdom in search of solving what appears to be a complicated riddle?

How is he, or she, to know what those unknown "quantities" are?

Is the man of faith simply to be socialized into fixing those unknowns – like choosing a value for the variable "x" in an elementary school level algebraic expression – by his parents, grandparents, teachers, scholars, culture, civilization, by osmosis, diffusion, vicariously?

Given that the average intelligence of the masses in any nation is rather low, and the Author of the Holy Qur'an if it is indeed the Creator of man would certainly have known that, why then did the Author of the Holy Qur'an not straightforwardly just say for all and sundry Muslim to understand in its most oft recited Surah: follow the path laid out in the Holy Qur'an, follow the path of Muhammad, its last Messenger and Exemplar?

How ironical that what the Surah calls a "straight path" is not identified straightforwardly!

All Muslims feel they already know (by virtue of their socialization) that that's what is implied. But that's not what the Surah Al-Fatiha says at all. One is only interpreting it to mean that based on one's own socialization bias!

The answer to the riddle, as invariably in all Qur'anic riddle cases, the Holy Qur'an itself also provides.

The author of the Qur'an has repeatedly alluded to Its Word as the Book of Reflection which none shall approach, except with a *cleansed heart*.

So, not everyone can glean the wisdom of the Qur'an even though they may be reading or mouthing its words –

how interesting!

And the solution to the riddle is hinted, inter alia, in the afore-quoted verses from Surah Al-Maeda 5:44-48. It is still obviously not the complete solution, but we are an inch closer to solving the riddle.

For one thing, we learn that the solution is multicultural, and is indeed very much socialization dependent.

Different peoples will naturally have different perspective on what is “divine favor”, who those favored ones are, and are thus encouraged to seek out the path followed by those whom they naturally psychologically feel closer to – that is the basis for what appears to the riddle of Surah Al-Fatiha, 1:6-7.

And Surah Al-Maeda 5:44-48 quoted above is an exemplary partial hint to solving that riddle.

Wow! What an incredible Book!

Nevertheless, it is still a Book of reflection first and foremost, which none shall penetrate, except with a *cleansed heart*. The rest are naturally misled. The Author of the Holy Qur'an even asserts that only It Guides Whom It pleases and leads others astray. Is this just rhetorical tautology? The Western mind un-attuned to the language of the Qur'an often thinks so.

Here are some verses from the Holy Qur'an on the *cleansed heart*.

That this is indeed a Qur'an Most Honourable, 56:77	إِنَّهُ لَقُرْآنٌ كَرِيمٌ
In a Book well-guarded, 56:78	فِي كِتَابٍ مَكْنُونٍ
Which none shall touch but those who are clean (purified): 56:79	لَا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ
A Revelation from the Lord of the Worlds. 56:80	تَنْزِيلٌ مِنْ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
Is it such a Message that ye would hold in light esteem? 56:81 , Surah Al-Waqia, 56:77-81	أَفَبِهَذَا الْحَدِيثِ أَنْتُمْ مُذْهَبُونَ
Those are they whose hearts, ears, and eyes Allah has sealed up, and they take no heed. Surah An-Nahl, 16:108	أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ طَبَعَ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ وَسَمْعِهِمْ وَأَبْصَارِهِمْ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْغَافِلُونَ
Allah hath sealed their hearing and their hearts, and on their eyes there is a covering. Theirs will be an awful doom. Surah Al-Baqara, 2:7	خَتَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ وَعَلَى سَمْعِهِمْ وَعَلَى أَبْصَارِهِمْ غِشَاوَةٌ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ
In their hearts is a disease, and Allah increaseth their disease. A painful doom is theirs because they lie. Surah Al-Baqara, 2:10	فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ فَزَادَهُمُ اللَّهُ مَرَضًا وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْذِبُونَ

Do they not then reflect on the Quran? Nay, on the hearts there are locks. Surah Muhammad 47:24

أَفَلَا يَتَدَبَّرُونَ الْقُرْآنَ أَمْ عَلَى قُلُوبٍ أَقْفَالُهَا

Caption A few verses from the Holy Qur'an on the *cleansed heart* metaphor.

The understanding of the message contained in the Holy Qur'an is only made accessible to those who try to approach its contents **not** with pre-conceptions, or agendas bearing the diseases of the heart, or other prejudices, but with a genuine desire to learn what exactly is the Book Saying! Only the purified ones, “al-muttaharoon” الْمُطَهَّرُونَ may approach its full understanding. The meaning of the Qur'anic word الْمُطَهَّرُونَ in the context of the Holy Qur'an is layered and nuanced. The Holy Qur'an explains الْمُطَهَّرُونَ itself, as it continually points them out in terms of various defining characteristics in its own emphatic explanation of whom it is intended for, who will be able to extract its message, who its custodians are, and who it is not going to benefit at all:

“This is the Scripture whereof there is no doubt, a guidance unto those who ward off (evil).”
(Arabic: هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara 2:2

The Holy Qur'an by its own statement is a guidance only for those who are “muttaqin” (هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ), and not for others! The “muttaqin” characteristics are further defined, inter alia:

“Who believe in the Unseen, and establish worship, and spend of that We have bestowed upon them; And who believe in that which is revealed unto thee (Muhammad) and that which was revealed before thee, and are certain of the Hereafter. These depend on guidance from their Lord. These are the successful.”

(Arabic: الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنفِقُونَ
وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمَا أُنزِلَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ وَبِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ
(أُولَئِكَ عَلَى هُدًى مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara 2:3-4-5

These “muttaqin” (must) approach the scriptures with a *cleansed heart* in order to effectively endeavor in seeking its meaning. And they will succeed in comprehending its message dependent only on the level of their spiritual cleansing – that's a promise of the Holy Qur'an! Different seekers of guidance will have different levels of comprehension of the Holy Qur'an based on how much “muttaqin” and how much “al-muttaharoon” they are! This is why the Holy Qur'an further differentiates among them – all Muslims, believers in Islam, are not equal in the sight of the Author of the Holy Qur'an who identifies Itself as “the Lord of the Worlds” (رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ):

“Is one who worships devoutly during the hours of the night prostrating himself or standing (in adoration), who takes heed of the Hereafter, and who places his hope in the Mercy of his Lord— (like one who does not)? Say: “Are those equal, those who know and those who do not know?” It is those who are endued with understanding that receive admonition.” (Arabic: أَمَّنْ هُوَ قَانِتٌ آنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ سَاجِدًا وَقَائِمًا يَحْذَرُ الْآخِرَةَ وَيَرْجُو رَحْمَةَ رَبِّهِ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ه ۚ
(إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Az-Zumar 39:9

“Verily the most honoured of you in the sight of Allah is (he who is) the most righteous of you.” (Arabic: إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Hujraat, 49:13 (see full verse below)

Incredible!

How does one embark on such a mission of a *cleansed hearted* journey to understand the Holy Qur'an today and overcome, in a meaningful way, one's socialization biases and natural tendencies, to actually be counted among those even mildly ***"honoured in the sight of Allah"*** rather than being among those who are ***"in a state of loss"*** (see Surah Al-Asr below)? If the Holy Qur'an claims to be a book of guidance for all mankind for all times rather than merely a revered scripture of antiquity, then clearly it must be comprehensible today in today's epoch, offer prescriptive principles to adhere to which are vibrant, effective and pertinent for today's living conditions, just as they must be for tomorrow's living conditions, and just as they were for the time of the Prophet of Islam when the Holy Qur'an reputedly revolutionized that *Age of Jahiliya*.

Well, the answer the Holy Qur'an itself provides in its very first Surah, Surah Al-Fatiha, verse 1:6-7 quoted above – to beseech the Creator in daily supplication to ***"Show us the straight path, The path of those whom Thou hast favoured."***

Evidently, according to the prima facie prescription of Islam itself, the *cleansed hearted* journey to understand the Holy Qur'an for Muslims (like all other peoples seeking divine guidance) can only be undertaken by seeking out the path of some unnamed people whom God has favored. This is further underscored:

“O ye who believe! Do your duty to Allah, seek the means of approach unto Him,” (Arabic: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَابْتَغُوا إِلَيْهِ الْوَسِيلَةَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Maeda 5:35

It follows therefore, rather straightforwardly in fact from the logic of the Qur'anic Message, that ONLY ***"the path of those whom Thou hast favoured"*** as proclaimed in Surah Al-Fatiha 1:7, and subsequently clarified as ***"seek the means of approach unto Him,"*** the “Wasilah” (الْوَسِيلَةُ) in Surah Al-Maeda 5:35, can exemplify, interpret, and explain the journey of the straight path (الصِّرَاطُ الْمُسْتَقِيمُ)!

Verse 1:7 teaches the supplicant to beseech the Creator to show the path of His favored ones. And verse 5:35 commands the supplicant to first *seek the means of approach unto Him* as his duty to the Creator, in order to even approach the *straight path*!

In simpler words for the language and logic challenged, by the proclamation of the Holy Qur'an itself, the supplicant cannot approach the Creator directly, but only through the designated means of seeking the “Wasilah”. For emphasis, it is even couched as a “duty” of the “believers” to first seek the “Wasilah”! And it is further emphasized that only the Author's own favored ones can delineate the *straight path* unto Him for the rest of mankind. The favored ones are the *Wasilah*, ***"the means of approach unto Him."***

The Holy Qur'an straightforwardly informs us that the *straight path* is guided journey by the divinely favored ones, the *Al-Wasilah*, and not a solo journey by one's own interpretation!

Mind blowing... putting to bed all facile views pertaining to the path of spiritual guidance and spiritual ascendance in Islam.*

Putting it together with verse 39:9 of Surah Az-Zumar (quoted above) then makes that rhetorical question obviously prescriptive, rather than being merely tautological: ***"Are those equal, those who know and those who do not know?"***

Meaning, these “Wasilah”, the show-ers of the *straight path* upon whom God has bestowed favors, must also be the ones highest in knowledge and in-errant in their understanding of the divinely crafted *straight path*. Otherwise, how can they guide others more knowledgeable than themselves? Or, if their own understanding

concerning this *straight path* was error prone? Especially of an obscure path which Allah ordained that no man may otherwise know of his and her own accord, except through those who were divinely favored. Which, of course, also automatically implies that their teacher can be none among those whom they have been *divinely chosen* to guide!

That there is a didactic significance to the notion of “Wasilah” for knowing and approaching the *straight-path*, and which is not to be dismissed as merely allegorical (*مُتَشَابِهَاتٌ*), is emphasized again:

“One day We shall call together all human beings with their (respective) Imams” (Arabic: *يَوْمَ نَدْعُو كُلَّ أُنَاسٍ بِإِمَامِهِمْ*) Holy Qur'an, Surah al-Israa' 17:71

A brief explanation of the word “Imam” (*إِمَامٌ*) is perhaps in order as few Muslims evidently comprehend it – judging from the honorific which they continually adopt for themselves and ascribe to every tom dick and harry who can regurgitate in Arabic or tie a turban on his head. The word “Imam” is frequently used in the Holy Qur'an. Its meaning fortunately is unambiguously explained by the Holy Qur'an itself. We don't have to use a language dictionary nor hijack Qur'anic terminology as a *common noun* when it clearly is not intended to be. (See Hijacking the word 'Islam' for Mantra Creation for how Qur'anic terminology is routinely hijacked with *semantic overload* by vested interests).

In the language of the Holy Qur'an, the terminology “Imam” refers to leaders of men (and women) whom Allah chose above all others – as in the following verses where its clearest meaning is made manifest for those upon whose eyes there is no covering, and upon whose ears and heart there is no lock of self-interest or self-deception:

“Surely Allah chose Adam and Nuh and the descendants of Ibrahim and the descendants of Imran above the nations. **Offspring one of the other;** and Allah is Hearing, Knowing.” (Arabic: *إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَىٰ آدَمَ وَنُوحًا وَآلَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَآلَ عِمْرَانَ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ذُرِّيَّةً بَعْضُهَا مِن بَعْضٍ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ*) Holy Quran, Surah Aal-e-Imran 3:33-34

“And when his Lord tried Ibrahim with certain words, he fulfilled them. **He said: Surely I will make you an Imam of men. Ibrahim said: And of my offspring? My covenant does not include the unjust, said He**” (Arabic: *وَإِذْ أَبْتَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَبُّهُ بِكَلِمَاتٍ فَأَتَمَّهُنَّ فَقَالَ إِنِّي جَاعِلُكَ لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا قَالَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي قَالَ لَا يَنَالُ عَهْدِي الظَّالِمِينَ*) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara, 2:124

Thence we see that when verses 17:71 and 10:47 (quoted above) respectively state: “**One day We shall call together all human beings with their (respective) Imams**”, “**And for every nation there is a messenger. And when their messenger cometh (on the Day of Judgment) it will be judged between them fairly, and they will not be wronged.**”, the word “Imam” sensibly refers to those guides whom Allah has chosen to lead men (and women) onto the *straight path*. But being perpetual victims of facile views, Muslims tend to follow anyone with a turban on the pulpit with the title “Imam” – and therein lies the *pièce de résistance* of conundrums.

Apart from the logical reasoning noted earlier for the solution to the obvious puzzle that why can't one just read the Holy Qur'an and be done with the dispensation of divine guidance directly from it rather than seek out the path of some favored ones who are not even straightforwardly identified in the most common Surah; that why does one, even today fourteen centuries later, in obligatorily repeating Surah Al-Fatiha in mandatory daily prayers, have to seek that *straight path* of divine guidance via some “Wasilah” who also remain unnamed in the Holy Qur'an? But that's not the end of the conundrum, only its beginning!

If only the business of divine guidance were so straightforward – for the average intelligence level of humanity

is certainly not up to solving complex riddles in order to pursue faith by way of reasoning about it (which is why the vast majority are simply socialized into their respective belief system by birth, and stay in it for their entire life). That empirical reality must be accounted for otherwise the Holy Qur'an remains just unimplementable theory.

The first of these accountings for the empirical reality of socialization already mentioned above, is to compete with each other in virtuous conduct (فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ) Surah Al-Maeda 5:48 above) as individual behavioral responsibility, rather than in theological upmanship among God's religions brought by different Messengers among whom there is no difference (Surah Al-Baqara 2:285 below).

Now, we have the second empirical reality. It is proffered to not only ***“seek the means of approach unto Him”***, but also that ***“We shall call together all human beings with their (respective) Imams”*** on the Day of Reckoning.

What if the socialization is outright, or partially, based on falsehoods, half-truths, three-quarter truths, and subtle distortions that have crept into the divine teachings? What if that which is followed is not accurately the teachings of the Messengers and Imams dispatched by God to every people – including to the Muslims?

Since: ***“We shall call together all human beings with their (respective) Imams”***, and the false “imams” will disclaim their followers (see verses immediately below), we have both, a practical and a theological problem. Finding the *“straight path”* just got a lot harder and trickier – because now there is a penalty attached to getting it wrong and following false teachers and false leaders despite the best of plebeian intentions!

Therefore, to ensure correct guidance for the supplicant of the *straight path* that they don't end up mistakenly following false paths, false prophets, false leaders, false imams, false pontiffs, false kings, false khalifas, false pulpits, and false paths laid out by usurpers, tyrants, and impostors, while thinking they are following the divinely guided *straight path*, the following verses of the Holy Qur'an proffer the clearest admonishment (آيَاتُ) of perpetual vigilance as the caveating qualifier to seeking the straight path (الصِّرَاطُ الْمُسْتَقِيمُ) of only those people whom God hath favored (أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ):

“(On the day) when those who were followed disown those who followed (them), and they behold the doom, and all their aims collapse with them.” (Arabic: إِذْ تَبَرَّأَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا مِنَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا وَتَقَطَّعَتْ بِهِمُ الْأَسْبَابُ)

“And those who were but followers will say: If a return were possible for us, we would disown them even as they have disowned us. Thus will Allah show them their own deeds as anguish for them, and they will not emerge from the Fire.” (Arabic: وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا لَوْ أَنَّ لَنَا كَرَّةً فَنَتَبَرَّأَ مِنْهُمْ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara, 2:166-167

And specifically, the following admonishment is especially for the Muslims, in their blindly casting about for guides and imams, and ending up with false friends:

“The Day that the wrong-doer will bite at his hands, he will say, "Oh! Would that I had taken a (straight) path with the Messenger!" (Arabic: وَيَوْمَ يَعْصُ الطَّاغُوتُ عَلَى يَدَيْهِ يَقُولُ يَا لَيْتَنِي اتَّخَذْتُ مَعَ الرَّسُولِ سَبِيلًا)

"Ah! Woe is me! Would that I had never taken such a one for a friend!" (Arabic: يَا وَيْلَتَى لَيْتَنِي لَمْ أَتَّخِذْ فُلَانًا خَلِيلًا)

"He did lead me astray from the Message (of Allah) after it had come to me! Ah! the Evil One is but a traitor to man!" (Arabic: لَقَدْ أَضَلَّنِي عَنِ الذِّكْرِ بَعْدَ إِذْ جَاءَنِي ۚ وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِلْإِنْسَانِ خَذُولًا)

Then the Messenger will say: "O my Lord! Truly my people took this Qur'an for just foolish nonsense." " (Arabic: وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ يَا رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Furqaan 25:27-28-29-30

Speak of facile views! The Prophet of Islam, vouches the Holy Qur'an, will himself complain on the Day of Reckoning that: ***"Truly my people took this Qur'an for just foolish nonsense."***

What a challenge for the earnest seeker of the straight path (الصِّرَاطُ الْمُسْتَقِيمُ), especially when religion intersects with imperial mobilization and its diabolical confrere, the Machiavelli, as it has done since time immemorial.

How is a Muslim, born and raised under the cloud of sectarian schisms and empire's favored version of Islam, to navigate this minefield which is replete not just with socialization artifacts of birth, culture, and historical baggage, but also ongoing false friends cultivated from the highest pulpits in every generation?

Not a single Muslim thinks these admonishing verses apply to him or her – as is typical of all self-righteous indoctrinations. See ["Hijacking the word 'Islam' for Mantra Creation"](#), the [600 page Fatwa on Terrorism](#), and the [CAIR report](#) for contemporary examples of false friends and institutions devilishly implanted among Muslims for precisely this purpose of diabolically manufacturing consent and controlled dissent for aiding imperial mobilization. Well-intentioned people seeking guidance hither and thither continually fall for them!

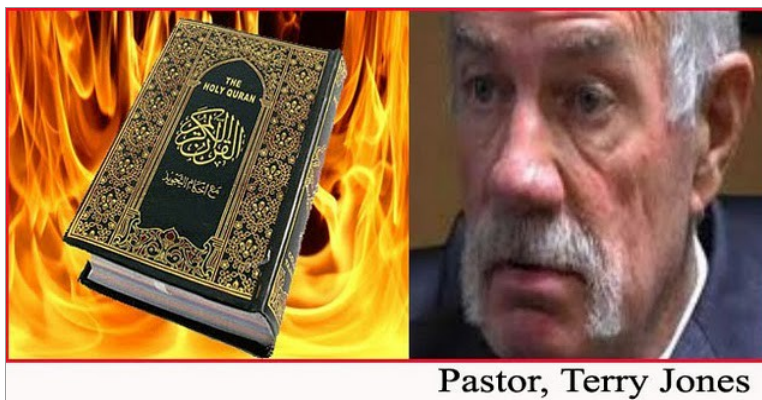
One needs to be fully awake and thinking in the matters of faith no differently than in any other matter of political science – for faith and political science continually intersect to ensure both the support of religion, and no interference from religion, in the pursuit of empire's business. Whereas God's "deen" has nothing to do with empire! And this is the most significant fact of the matter from which all macro good and evil follow, for every people, of every religion, and no religion.

Furthermore, the *cleansed hearted* learning for the journey of the straight path (الصِّرَاطُ الْمُسْتَقِيمُ) is not just with the intellectual left-half brain, i.e., cognitive, analytical, logical, reasoned, based on empirical knowledge. But also with the poetic and linguistic right-half brain, i.e., with feelings, emotions, empathy, intuitions, insights, inspiration, all of which may transcend the causality principle of cold objective intellectual empiricism. (Think Mr. Spock vs. Captain Kirk in the fable of Star Trek television series of the 1960s). For a discussion of why these are independent human faculties and why both are necessary to pilot human wisdom and spiritual learning towards the straight path, see the essay^[3] [Morality derived from the Intellect leads to Enslavement!](#). The report^[4] [Islam: Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to hijack? Part-II](#) further dwells upon this bifurcation of left and right half brain metaphors and what the *language of the intellect* (verses like 67:3-4 see discussion below), and the *language of the heart* (verses like those quoted above), respectively speak to in the context of the overarching spiritual teachings of the Holy Qur'an (such as in verse 20:114 discussed below). One without the other is at best one-eyed! More often, usually blind.

Seeing with the spiritual eye is how the journey of the straight-path even becomes discernible. But it is not a spiritual journey of the Sufis and dervishes withdrawn from the affairs of this world – it is a bold physical life's journey of *striving* in this world amidst all its travails and tribulations as further outlined in the recipe of a successful life in Surah Al-Asr discussed below. The inner motivation to embark and to stay on that journey of the straight path is principally seeded only with the spiritual eye to even perceive the straight path (الصِّرَاطُ)

(المستقيم), and the urgency to be on it – for one does not know how much time one has remaining to one's life .

This is why the Holy Qur'an refers to the spiritual condition of being lost in darkness away from the *straight path* in similitudes like: ***“on the hearts there are locks”*** and ***“Allah hath sealed their hearing and their hearts, and on their eyes there is a covering.”***



Caption Image Pastor Terry Jones burning the Holy Quran

That's the *cleansed heart* metaphor – inter alia, a genuine desire to learn using all human faculties at our disposal. Whereas anyone may pick up a copy of the Qur'an, read it, torch it, defecate on it, shoot at it, and of course, even recite it in the most surreal and melodious of incantations that is prized by all Muslims worldwide. The *cleansed heart* is an empirical demand not just of the Author of the Holy Qur'an to those who seek its teaching, but also of rational commonsense.

Don't bring perceptual, ingrained, residual, or prejudicial biases to reading any book or else you won't comprehend the complete message that was put in the book by its author. You'll only get what you want to hear, believe, or argue to serve your own narrow interests! That's how fine literature is supposed to be read, argued, and enjoyed – using one's own interpretation and imagination. A fine book of poetry or allegorical fiction can reasonably mean different things to different people – and they can argue about it all day if they like without loss of sensibilities.

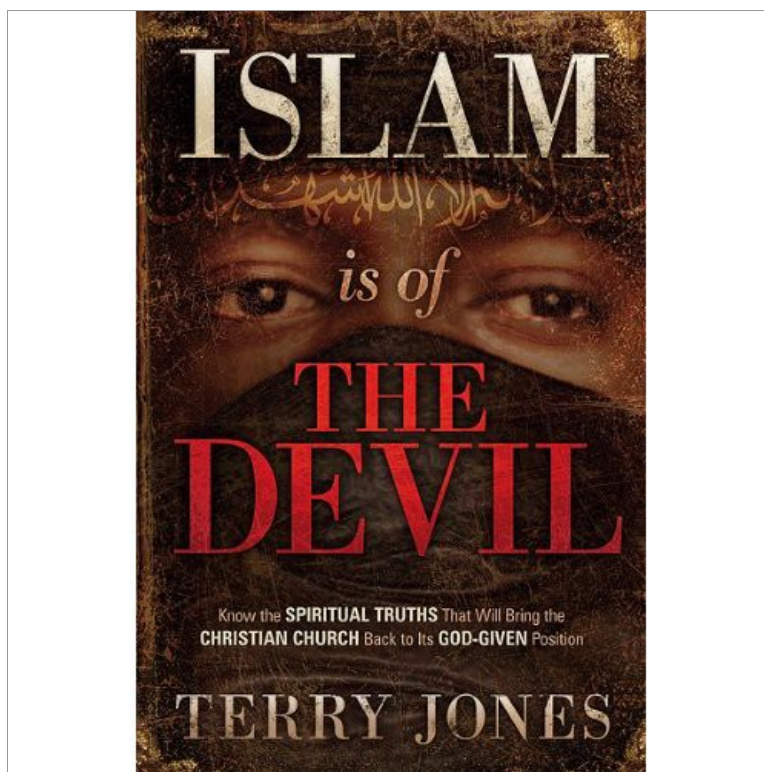
But try doing that to a city's handbook of traffic laws, or the tax laws. One has to precisely understand what the authors of the traffic regulations – the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) – mean in the full letter, the full intent, and the full spirit of the regulations if one wants to pass that pesky written test to get one's driver license. More importantly, in order to be a safe driver which only comes about by repeatedly putting into best practice what one has learnt in theory. The practice helps clarify the theory, and the theory helps refine the practice.

Indeed, the Holy Qur'an is like any other convoluted law book – one has to absorb it with concentration, contemplation, and with the clear motivation to exactly comprehend what its Author had in mind. This is also a common topic of exposition by genuine scholars of Islam. But unfortunately it has been relegated to dusty old books in local Muslim languages which few ordinary people read. The advent of the internet has made at least some of these works accessible in translation to anyone today and there is hardly any excuse for the lack of commonsense on how to sensibly study the complex and unusual text of the Holy Qur'an.^[5]

Acquiring such non-facile theoretical Qur'anic knowledge, and living it in practice in the straight path (الصِّرَاطُ)

المستقيم) established by those whom God hath favored, just made both the comprehension and practice of the Religion of Islam a lot harder than the prostrations stamped upon the forehead! (See: Islam: Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to hijack? [Part-I](#), [Part-II](#))

Furthermore, hijacking the Qur'an for vested interests also just got easier. Deliberately purveying facile views on Islam serve their own diabolical agendas. Let's take a moment to examine the intent behind Terry Jones', the 'Burn a Quran' pastor in Gainesville Florida, statement to CNN.



Caption Image bookcover of Pastor Terry Jones “ISLAM is of THE DEVIL”

‘(CNN) — In protest of what it calls a religion “of the devil,” a nondenominational church in Gainesville, Florida, plans to host an “International Burn a Quran Day” on the ninth anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks. The Dove World Outreach Center says it is hosting the event to remember 9/11 victims and take a stand against Islam. With promotions on its website and Facebook page, it invites Christians to burn the Muslim holy book at the church from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

“We believe that Islam is of the devil, that it’s causing billions of people to go to hell, it is a deceptive religion, it is a violent religion and that is proven many, many times,” Pastor Terry Jones told CNN’s Rick Sanchez earlier this week.

Jones wrote a book titled “Islam is of the Devil,” and the church sells coffee mugs and shirts featuring the phrase.

“I mean ask yourself, have you ever really seen a really happy Muslim? As they’re on the way to Mecca? As they gather together in the mosque on the floor? Does it look like a real religion

of joy?” Jones asks in one of his YouTube posts.

“No, to me it looks like a religion of the devil.”

“In Islam, many actions that we consider to be crimes are encouraged, condoned or sheltered under Islamic teaching and practice, though. Another reason to burn a Quran.” (CNN, July 29, 2010)^[6]

When someone utters of a scriptural religion of 2 billion peoples which unequivocally enjoins justice and equity among mankind regardless of religion, which unequivocally forbids committing excesses in the land, unequivocally forbids the killing of innocent people, and unequivocally likens the virtue of saving one innocent person from injustice being akin to saving an entire peoples, that: **“to me it looks like a religion of the devil”**, is not just simple ignorance:

“For Allah loveth those who judge in equity.” Holy Qur'an Surah Al-Maeda 5:42

“... so strive as in a race in all virtues.” Holy Qur'an Surah Al-Maeda 5:48

“On that account We ordained for the Children of Israel that **if any one slew a person unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land, it would be as if he slew the whole people; and if any one saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of the whole people.**

Then although there came to them Our Messengers with Clear Signs, yet, even after that, many of them continued to commit excesses in the land.” Holy Qur'an Surah Al-Maeda 5:32

Furthermore, to go to the bother of writing a full book-length treatise egregiously titling it: **'Islam is of the Devil'**, seems to be following directly in the footsteps of the propaganda manuals written by the “*foremost Western scholar of Islam*”, Princeton University professor emeritus of Near Eastern Studies, primarily of Islamic history, Bernard Lewis, such as *Crisis of Islam – Holy War and Unholy Terror*.

Clearly Terry Jones' case isn't the simple situation of mere prejudice, of being mistaken about Islam in the information age of 2011, of an orientalist misreading the Holy Qur'an. Pastor Terry Jones actually went ahead and torched a copy of the Holy Qur'an in March 2011^[7]. Such demonstrated malice is beyond ignorance. It is designed to inflame, to hurt, to elicit an uncontrolled response from the Muslims. No hate laws were applied to Pastor Terry Jones of course in the name of free speech any more than these were applied to the Danish cartoonist drawing hideous caricatures of the Prophet of Islam in 2006 under guidance from his own Jewish confreres in America, Daniel Pipes and company.^[8] Instead, Terry Jones is now smugly mounting a campaign for becoming the president of the United States for 2012^[9]!

It is easy to misread into Terry Jones' misanthropy as being either an isolated case of a crackpot jackass (as the Western media projects it to be), or an example of revived Crusades against Islam (which Muslims holding facile views are wont to believe). It is neither. Apart from perhaps personal malice, it is entirely political science in the same vein as all propaganda manuals are. And the word “Islam” is the scapegoat! As I had summed it up in September 2010:

'(yawn.... sooo reminiscent of Bible Burning in Zionistan and pissing-spitting on the symbols of Christianity for advanced entertainment and mirth — common progenitors and instigators harboring more or less equal contempt for the faith of all 'untermensch' and thenceforth, without fear of accountability or retribution, nurturing the figment of a “clash of civilizations” to justify the ongoing murderous “Imperial Mobilization”)'

That Machiavellian maligning of Islam as ***“doctrinal motivation”*** (see Brzezinski quote at the beginning) is examined in the report ***“Hijacking the word 'Islam' for Mantra Creation”***^[10] where I take an in-depth look into the Dynamics of Mantra Creation of Islamofascism, starting with the crafty Jewish penmanship of Bernard Lewis in the service of ***“imperial mobilization”***.

I should just add in passing that the unenviable destiny of all such vulgar propagandists who at the peak of their hubris fuel unspeakable war-mongering upon mankind, is perhaps timelessly captured in the Goebbels family's fate^[11]! But only under the spectre of *victor's justice*.

Returning back to inadvertently misunderstanding the Holy Qur'an as opposed to deliberately distorting it for vested interests as illustrated above, it should be obvious to any sensible person that memorizing the Holy Qur'an like a tape recorder has zero pertinence to understanding its message, never mind comprehending it sufficiently as ***“muttaqin”*** for practicing its spirit beyond its daily rituals. I hope I can be forgiven for drawing the apt parallel of the pleasure of daily Qur'anic recitation with daily reciting the DMV driver's handbook just for the pleasure of hearing the sound of the latter's instructive words!

That is in effect what the Muslims have done with the Holy Qur'an – read the DMV handbook for the sheer pleasure of hearing the sounds and rhythm of its words and sentences! As useful as that might be to wean oneself from sleeping pills, can one pass the DMV test that way? ***“Is it such a Message that ye would hold in light esteem?”*** demands the Author of the Holy Qur'an, while simultaneously asserting ***“In a Book well-guarded, which none shall touch but those who are clean”***!

Clearly, the warning to Muslims (and non-Muslims alike) by the Author of the Holy Qur'an to not make a mockery of the ***“well-guarded Book”***, is very emphatic, repetitive, and unequivocal (**آيَاتُ مُحْكَمَاتٍ**). Even verse 25:30 of Surah Al-Furqaan vouches a severe condemnation of the Muslims themselves by none other than the Messenger who brought them the Holy Qur'an: ***“Then the Messenger will say: 'O my Lord! Truly my people took this Qur'an for just foolish nonsense.'”*** The primary focus is veritably on understanding the message: ***“Do they not then reflect on the Quran? Nay, on the hearts there are locks.”*** (refer to Surah Muhammad, 47:24 quoted above) as it commonsensically should be, and not on its mere recitation, memorization, ritual reverence, and ritual practice: ***“Is it such a Message that ye would hold in light esteem?”*** (refer to Surah Al-Waqia, 56:81 quoted above). Of course, as all Muslims will surely testify, there is a more profound effect upon the spirit on hearing or reciting the Holy Qur'an in its original Arabic than doing the same to the DMV driver's handbook in any language!

The Holy Qur'an, first and foremost, is an aural recitation, not a written word. The authenticity and correctness of the written copy of the Qur'an, as Muslims are aware, is testified by a *hafiz* of the Qur'an, one who has memorized it in its exactness, like a tape recorder, and the memorization has itself been authenticated by his teacher – successively going back to the time of the Prophet of Islam when the Prophet himself (the historical narrative unanimously states) approved the full recitation as it exists today. (For a history of its written compilation see: *Some Old Manuscripts of the Holy Qur'an*^[12])

As divisive as Muslims are, and in as many sects as we are divided in, and in as many languages we speak on all five (or six) continents that we live, one thing we agree upon is the text of the Qur'an – that it remains unchanged.

There is nothing which unites the fractious 2 billion Muslims more than the text of the Holy Qur'an. The following verse asserts that unlike previous scriptures, the Author of the Holy Qur'an takes the responsibility of protecting its Message from man's corruption:

“We have, without doubt, sent down the Message; and We will assuredly guard it (from corruption).” (Arabic: إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Hijr 15:9

This is perhaps why there is so much emphasis among Muslims of all nations, cultures, and civilizations since the very time of the Prophet and the spread of Islam, to learn the memorization of the Holy Qur'an as both a sacred as well as a utilitarian virtue. Its verbatim perfect memorization continually protects the Holy Qur'an from tampering by those who own the printing presses. And it protected the Holy Qur'an in antiquity from malicious scribes working for kings, and from copying errors. And we see the proof of the pudding in its eating even today, fourteen centuries later. But while the text of the Holy Qur'an all Muslims agree remains the same, they all slightly disagree on what it means! See [Islam: Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to hijack? Part-II](#) for a first of its kind forensic examination into this matter.

Sticking with the recitation of the Qur'anic Word for the moment, there is also something undeniable and uncanny about the calmness and feeling of spiritual peace which comes with reciting a Surah from the Holy Qur'an as an act of worship. Such calmness does indeed benefit many Muslims temporally – meaning, in the here and the now. Our psychiatric bills are almost negligible (unless we are physically being bombed to smithereens on a daily basis), and Prozac™ sales never took off among the Muslim nations as it did in the West. Empirically speaking, it is undeniable that even memorization, recitation, and parroting by the ordinary peoples has brought Muslims throughout the fourteen centuries some very unique benefits of spiritual strength and empowerment to withstand daily vicissitudes of life and tyrants.

Nevertheless, commonsense tells us that something has terribly gone wrong here.

We have kept the shell and thrown away its fruit!

The Muslims have come to believe, or been led to believe, collectively, that making the Arabic offering of the Qur'an to Allah with its attendant rituals will take one to *Heaven*!

More recitation offerings to Allah will bring more *Heaven* in the *Hereafter* by compensating for our failings in the here, of both commissions and omissions.

Personal elevation of the spirit notwithstanding – the Shaman priest too derives much elevation of the soul in reciting his mantras as does the Hindu swami reciting the Vedas (for man, evidently, is naturally endowed with a spiritual bent of mind that seeks psychological comfort in the pursuit of the “why” of existence) – often times the words being recited are in a foreign tongue (Arabic) which the vast majority of Muslims on earth don't even speak or understand!

Of the nearly 2 billion Muslims on planet earth today, just about 10% are native speakers of Arabic. A few others speak it as a second language.

But most Muslims mouth the words of the Holy Qur'an formulaically in its original Arabic, or in its transliteration into their local language script, for some vague notion of reaping rewards in the *Hereafter*.

Acts of courage, valor, dignity, self-respect, standing up for what's right, standing up to oppression, tyranny, breaking the bonds of servitude, have all been replaced by joyous recitations.

Muslims do such pious recitations every opportunity we get, which is mostly on deaths and death-anniversaries of loved ones. We solemnly bring down the Qur'an from the topmost shelf of our choicest closet or bookcase, often kept wrapped in many layers of fine silk to preserve its dignity from dust and spiders, and gather around with friends and family to “finish” mouthing the Qur'an a maximum number of times as blessings and reward

for the dear departed. More often than not, because of our busy lives, unable to gather sufficient number of people to mouth the Qur'an, we farm off the task to the nearest mosque and get children studying there to come-over and do so in proxy services in lieu of some food and generous gratuity to the mullah. More money we spend in such efforts, more we feel our prayers have traveled farther into *purgatory* relieving the burden of accountability on our loved ones!

As per the concept of *sadqa-jariya*, it is believed by many Muslims that such Qur'anic recitations and prayers of good-will help those who are no longer in this world when their loved ones miss them and pray for mercy for their souls (as opposed to forget them or curse them). Let's just accept, to avoid any red herring contentions, that it helps the damned to be less damned in purgatory if they leave a good legacy of love and charitable works behind. For those rare virtuous people not damned, perhaps the prayers of the living helps them gain greater *Heaven*. *Sadqa-Jariya* is a unique concept in Islam which helps foster love, brotherhood, and charitable works that keep on accruing benefit to one even after one has left this abode, so long as the good-will left behind keeps bearing fruit for those still living.

But does such ceremonial mouthing of the Holy Qur'an help us while we are still living?

And during Ramadan of course, we again rush to “finish” mouthing all its 114 chapters divided into 30 sections, in just under 27 days as the fast-path to *Heaven*. If we overshoot by one day, we are in panic mode to finish the remaining sections quickly before the night of moon-sighting for the next day's *Eid* festivities.

When do Muslims actually study the Holy Qur'an to comprehend its message for the here and the now, as one would study the DMV handbook? Or more aptly, as one studies to learn one's profession and trade?

How much more facile than that can anyone get?

Returning back the topic of the remarkable pluralism of Surah Al-Fatiha and Surah Al-Maeda, what does the Author of the Holy Qur'an say to Muslims about His many prophets and messengers?

“Say (O Muslims): *'We believe in Allah and that which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the tribes, and that which Moses and Jesus received, and that which the prophets received from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and unto Him we have surrendered.'* ” (Arabic: قَوْلُوا ءَامَنَّا بِاللّٰهِ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ وَمِمَّا أُوتِيَ النَّبِيُّونَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْنَا) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara 2:136

“The Messenger believeth in what hath been revealed to him from his Lord, as do the men of faith. Each one (of them) believeth in Allah, His angels, His books, and His messengers. *'We make no distinction (they say) between one and another of His messengers.'* And they say: *'We hear, and we obey: (We seek) Thy forgiveness, our Lord, and to Thee is the end of all journeys'* ” (Arabic: ءَامَنَ الرَّسُولُ بِمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَبِّهِ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ كُلٌّ ءَامَنَ بِٱللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ لَا نَعْلَمُ صَيْرُورَةَ نَفَرٍ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّن رُّسُلِهِ وَقَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا غُفْرَانَكَ رَبَّنَا وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqara 2:285

This is principally why Muslims do not return the villainous propaganda warfare waged against Prophet Muhammad by the Judeo-Christian soldiers carrying the white man's burden – for instance, like the Danish

cartoons of 2006, and the American movie of 2012, dehumanizing the noble Prophet of Islam – with counter propaganda warfare against the prophets of antiquity whom the Christians and the Jews revere. For, the Holy Qur'an enjoins the Muslims to revere these same prophets of antiquity and to ***“make no distinction between one and another of His messengers.”*** (See many similar verses, e.g. 4:163, 6:83, 57:26).

This is despite the Holy Qur'an simultaneously vouching that the earlier messages brought by these prophets of antiquity had been lost or distorted by the impudence of human hands (see Surah Al-Maeda 5:12-16), and that Islam now superseded them all as the last Testament to mankind which the Author had Himself undertaken to safeguard: ***“We have, without doubt, sent down the Message; and We will assuredly guard it”*** (Surah Al-Hijr 15:9 quoted earlier), with no more Messengers and Testaments to come in future times (see Surah Al-Ahzaab 33:40).

But does the Author of the Holy Qur'an forbid Muslims reading other people's books?

No!

I have not found any occasion when such a travesty has been advocated.

Does the Author of the Qur'an forbid speaking to the people of other nations?

No!

I have not found any occasion when such a travesty has been advocated.

To the contrary, the author of the Qur'an emphatically states the following:

“O mankind! Lo! We have created you from male and female, and have made you nations and tribes that ye may know one another. Lo! the noblest of you, in the sight of Allah, is the best in conduct. Lo! Allah is Knower, Aware.” (Arabic: يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Hujraat, 49:13)

And how can ***“ye may know one another”*** (لِتَعَارَفُوا) unless ye talk to each other, partake of each others joys and sorrows?

The straight forward logic of this verse in full context demonstrates that the author of the Qur'an made the religion of Islam both non-isolationist, and non-triumphalist to the core!

Does the Author of the Qur'an forbid Muslims imbibing themselves of knowledge and wisdom from any source?

No!

I have also not found any occasion when such a travesty has been advocated.

Quite the opposite in fact. The Author of the Qur'an commands Its own last Messenger to pray to his Creator to increase his own "ilm" as a virtue:

“and say: My Lord! Increase me in knowledge.” (Arabic: وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا) Holy Qur'an, Surah Ta-Ha, 20:114

And therefore, since the Author's last Messenger is also the Exemplar for his followers, the commandment is to the Exemplar's followers as well, i.e., to the Muslims, to do the same: ***“and say: My Lord! Increase me in knowledge.”*** This pithy prayer is recited by many Muslims in their daily prayers. Unfortunately, this increase evidently hasn't come to pass for a vast majority of us.

What's more, the author of the Qur'an even advocates pursuing boundless "ilm" thusly:

“Thou seest not, in the Creation of the All-Merciful any imperfections. Return thy gaze, seest thou any fissure, Then return thy gaze, again and again. Thy gaze comes back to thee dazzled, aweary.” (Arabic: مَا تَرَىٰ فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ مِنْ تَفَاوُتٍ ۖ فَارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ ۚ هَلْ تَرَىٰ مِنْ فُطُورٍ ثُمَّ ارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ ۚ تَرَىٰ يَافَىٰ ۚ إِنَّكَ لَا تَعْدِلُ ۖ وَأَنتَ خَاسِرٌ ۝۴) Holy Qur’an, Surah Al-Mulk, 67:3-4

The profound significance of these pithy verses of Surah Mulk to knowledge, to “ilm” acquisition can perhaps also be judged from the fact that Muslim physicist Dr. Abdus Salam rehearsed it in Stockholm upon accepting The Nobel Prize in Physics 1979, boldly stating^[13] at the Nobel Banquet on December 10, 1979, before other Nobel laureates, scientists and dignitaries, the Nobel Foundation and the Royal Academy of Sciences, that: *“This in effect is, the faith of all physicists; the deeper we seek, the more is our wonder excited, the more is the dazzlement for our gaze.”*

But does the author the Qur'an advocate such pursuits, singlemindedly, to the exclusion of all else, such that such pursuits become the self-serving pursuit of the 'American Dream'?

Or, is such an advocacy for the pursuit of “ilm” as a noble endeavor, made an essential component of a greater all encompassing moral imperative by the author of the Qur'an? A categorical imperative which devolves upon man an even greater system of personal and social responsibility for which the wholehearted pursuit of “ilm” is necessary, but not sufficient?

The answer is obvious, despite the question not being merely rhetorical.

It is plainly given by the author of the Qur'an in the pithy Surah Asr, in the verse fragment:

“and those who strive for haq” (Arabic: وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Asr, 103:3

The Arabic word “haq” حَقّ (pronounced 'huq' like 'hug' and not like 'faq') is an all encompassing word and its single-word translation into English is impossible. It means all of the following (and then some): truth, Truth, justice, rights, rectifying injustice, not violating rights, not being unjust, demanding one's own rights, not permitting others to violate one's own rights. etceteras.

It is but simple logic and commonsense to deduce that the pursuit of accurate knowledge in all matters is an essential prerequisite to the pursuit of “haq” in all matters – lest one be deceived, be manipulated, end up believing in falsehoods, and act unjustly.

The aforementioned tiny but self-sufficient verse fragment of the Qur'an forms the foundational basis for what is called "jihad", striving as a moral imperative, in other verses of the Qur'an:

“And strive they with their wealth and their lives in the way of God; they are the truthful ones.” (Arabic: وَجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Hujraat 49:15

But what should they “strive” (وَجَاهِدُوا) for, inter alia, with their wealth and their lives, without any expectations in return from their fellow man, to be so nobly designated as the “truthful ones” (الصِّدِّيقُونَ) by none other than the one who claims to be their Creator?

The Qur'anic answer, once again unequivocally provided by the author of the Qur'an in the Qur'an itself, is in Surah Asr.

It is to principally strive for “haq” (وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ) with all of one's wealth, resources, talents, and energies! The lack of striving of which, the author of the Qur'an emphatically re-asserts in the same Surah Asr, leads to:

“Lo! man is in a state of loss” (إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Asr 103:2

For completeness, reproduced below is the full recipe of the pithy Surah Asr for a noble life which is “*not in a state of loss*”, one which is not perpetually full of facile views, ignorance, apathy, vile servitude to the harbingers of inequity and injustices, and wild revolutions and further injustices in the name of redressing injustices. Notice what's stated and what's omitted in this self-sufficient tiny Surah. There is no reference to Muslims, or to Islam, or to any particular people or religion. It is directly addressed to man (الْإِنْسَانَ) , “*insaan*”, to every people of all religions, and to people of no religion, the overarching context for which has already been elucidated above:

By the declining day, (1)	وَالْعَصْرِ
Lo! man is in a state of loss (2)	إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ
Save those who believe, and do good works, and strive for “haq”, and are patient (3)	إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَّاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَّاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ ۖ

Caption Surah Al-Asr, Chapter 103 of the Holy Qur'an (see [full exposition](#)^[14])

The aforementioned few words of the author of the Holy Qur'an, as straightforward as they appear to be, still do require plenty of reflection and context to grasp the full import of its message towards an equitable and mutually beneficial multicultural co-existence without the imposition of anyone's values and/or “facile views” upon another.

It is important to re-emphasize for the first of the four clauses of verse 3 of Surah Asr quoted above, even at the risk of being repetitious once gain, that on theological matters of belief, including no belief, when one disagrees with another, the dispute is not up to man to decide. It is for some abstract entity called “God” to decide, as already quoted from the author of the Qur'an in the preceding discussion. It is not the business of man what another's beliefs are. That business is God's, and is defined as being among the Rights of God upon man, the “*haquq-Allah*”. No mortal may interfere in that Right even if, due to their own natural socialization and/or self-ascribed learnedness, they perceive that some Right of God is being violated by others holding a facile view. This clear demarcation of respective Rights in Islam between the Rights of God (beliefs) and the Rights of man (moral law), ends for all times, at least from Islam's point of view, all arguments of the type: whose conception of god is better; is there a god or isn't there; etc.

Everyone gets to believe in whatever theology they want! The author of the Holy Qur'an in defining the religion of Islam, already took the inherent differences in beliefs and perception biases due to the very nature of socialization of man into account! Thus, apart from friendly discourse, any forceful disputation with another on the nature of their personal beliefs is transgressing the limits set by the author of the Qur'an for Islam's practitioners:

“And if your Lord had pleased, surely all those who are in the earth would have believed, all of them; will you then force men till they become believers?” (وَلَوْ شَاءَ رَبُّكَ لَأَمَنَّ مِنَ فِي الْأَرْضِ كُلَّهُمْ جَمِيعًا أَفَأَنْتَ تُكْرِهُ النَّاسَ حَتَّىٰ يَكُونُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ) Holy Qur'an, Surah Yunus 10:99

Wonderful.

This leaves man, as per the other three clauses of Surah Al-Asr verse 3 quoted above, in his short gift of life, to not worry about saving another's soul, but to primarily contend with his own conduct with his fellow man, the previously mentioned “haquq-al-ibad”.

The commonsense advocacy of that method of conduct, of doing good to fellow man, of striving for “haq” in removing injustices from oneself and from fellow man, and being patient in adversity rather than committing suicide or becoming a suicide bomber, is beneficial guidance to all mankind no differently than the Biblical commandment: *“do unto others as you have others do unto you”*, and Bertrand Russell's non-religious and secular formulation: *'Maximize individual happiness while minimizing social conflict for optimizing the overall common-good'*, are beneficial for all mankind.

Take from whichever system of thought that naturally resonates with one; but don't be iniquitous to oneself, or to another; and the only practicable method to achieve that enlightened state of affairs regardless of the belief system one is socialized into, is the pursuit of “ilm” (in order to minimally be able to differentiate truth from falsehoods), social justice, and benevolence, as if in a race in all virtues instead of being in a race for Primacy and its Geostrategic Imperatives – i.e., imperial mobilization. This is the prima facie principal message of the Author of the Holy Qur'an. There is absolutely no drive for empire, or triumphalism, in the principled teachings of the Holy Qur'an which describes itself as the completion of a divine favor of a “deen” in verse 5:3 (هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ), and a divine guidance only to the “mutaqeen” in verse 2:2 (الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا).

(The Holy Qur'an's self-description naturally begs the obvious question which is addressed in the aforementioned case study Islam: Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to hijack? Part-II: where is empire in the Holy Qur'an? Especially, as were witnessed in the Ummayyad, Abbasside, Fatimide, the Spanish Moor, and the Ottoman dynastic empires during the heyday of Arab and Mongol Muslim domination of the world for nearly a millennium?)

If only man were to take heed of any of this platitudinous stuff from any of the Books of wisdom among mankind, and implement that which is his preferred choice by socialization or natural inclination, in his respective tribe and nation.

That singular failure to implement moral platitudes, from time immemorial, is the one fundamental problem of social failure to strive in “haq”! That social failure is the first cause for the creation of unjust empires and tyrants, and their subsequent quest for hegemony and domination of tribes and nations of the world as was justified by Zbigniew Brzezinski in his own American Mein Kampf of 1996 titled The Grand Chessboard – American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives: *“Hegemony is as old as mankind.”*

It is because of this empirical fact that the author of the Qur'an, in what it claims to be its last Testament to mankind, has laid such strong emphasis on striving for “haq” – even making it the underpinning of a life which is at a loss in its absence (إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ). Otherwise, the Biblical wisdom *“do unto others as you have others do unto you”* is still sufficient general principle among any enlightened peoples. However, while the latter was merely advisory, striving for “haq” has been made compulsory in Islam! In order to comprehend just how difficult that is in practice, and always has been, which is evidently why it has been made a cornerstone of Islam in the Holy Qur'an, please see the full exposition of Surah al-Asr. (op. cit.)

And what has man, “insaan”, done about such striving for “haq” as the principle engine of social development and progress?

Nothing.

Caught between facile world views on the one hand, and bread and circuses on the other, man continues to be manipulated into voluntary servitude to tyrants of modernity just as he was in antiquity. While one may arguably understand the servitude in the Dark Ages to the tyrants of antiquity, in the modern information age, the Technetronic Era (term coined by Zbigniew Brzezinski), for the disease of the Dark Ages to persist is indicative of something far deeper which has not changed despite the march of civilizations, liberations, exponential increases in public knowledge, and the Technetronic progress.

Those who pursue “ilm”, knowledge, don't necessarily do so to strive for “haq”, or to redress the human condition, but for their own narrow self-interests to achieve their own version of the 'American Dream'. As the knowledge bearers, they are often either the direct harbingers of, or the silent bystanders to, the untold crimes against humanity. In the Technetronic Era of today, the former are the scientists, engineers, and technicians of empire laboring under facile delusions of all kind.

Tyranny of course only flourishes when many good men, and many good women, learned and pious, too busy pursuing their 'American Dreams', stay silent, indifferent.

That is just too well-worn a statement to be anything but one of the best moral clichés of all time. Edmund Burke wasn't the first to think of it. All the sages throughout the ages have reflected upon it. And Solon, the Athenian law giver, as noted previously, even made coming to the aid of fellow man a legal obligation (as opposed to solely being a moral one imparted by religions)!

Apart from the copious evidence of blood-stained pages of recorded history, the obvious import of accurate knowledge to the pursuit of “haq” as its principled primemover, can also be contemporarily judged by the empirical fact that due to the Muslims having a rather facile view of their own religion throughout history, and remaining quite ignorant of its interplay with imperial matters in every epoch, “jihad” was once again vilely harvested for an imperial agenda in the modern epoch with nothing but snake oil.



This time around by Zbigniew Brzezinski for “*giving to the USSR its Vietnam War*” in Afghanistan 1979-1988 by creating the “Mujahideens”. It is worth reproducing here Zbigniew Brzezinski's 1998 interview to French magazine *Le Nouvel Observateur* for his own confessions of the utility of promulgating facile world views to accomplish this:

'Question: The former director of the CIA, Robert Gates, stated in his memoirs [“From the Shadows”], that American intelligence services began to aid the Mujahadeen in Afghanistan 6 months before the Soviet intervention. In this period you were the national security adviser to President Carter. You therefore played a role in this affair. Is that correct?

Brzezinski: Yes. According to the official version of history, CIA aid to the Mujahadeen began during 1980, that is to say, after the Soviet army invaded Afghanistan, 24 Dec 1979. But the reality, secretly guarded until now, is completely otherwise. Indeed, it was July 3, 1979 that President Carter signed the first directive for secret aid to the opponents of the pro-Soviet regime in Kabul. And that very day, I wrote a note to the

president in which I explained to him that in my opinion this aid was going to induce a Soviet military intervention.

Question: Despite this risk, you were an advocate of this covert action. But perhaps you yourself desired this Soviet entry into war and looked to provoke it?

Brzezinski: It isn't quite that. We didn't push the Russians to intervene, but we knowingly increased the probability that they would.

Question: When the Soviets justified their intervention by asserting that they intended to fight against a secret involvement of the United States in Afghanistan, people didn't believe them. However, there was a basis of truth. You don't regret anything today?

Brzezinski: Regret what? That secret operation was an excellent idea. It had the effect of drawing the Russians into the Afghan trap and you want me to regret it? The day that the Soviets officially crossed the border, I wrote to President Carter. We now have the opportunity of giving to the USSR its Vietnam war. Indeed, for almost 10 years, Moscow had to carry on a war unsupportable by the government, a conflict that brought about the demoralization and finally the breakup of the Soviet empire.

Question: And neither do you regret having supported the Islamic fundamentalism, having given arms and advice to future terrorists?

Brzezinski: What is most important to the history of the world? The Taliban or the collapse of the Soviet empire? Some stirred-up Moslems or the liberation of Central Europe and the end of the cold war?

Question: Some stirred-up Moslems? But it has been said and repeated Islamic fundamentalism represents a world menace today.

Brzezinski: Nonsense! It is said that the West had a global policy in regard to Islam. That is stupid. There isn't a global Islam. Look at Islam in a rational manner and without demagoguery or emotion. It is the leading religion of the world with 1.5 billion followers. But what is there in common among Saudi Arabian fundamentalism, moderate Morocco, Pakistan militarism, Egyptian pro-Western or Central Asian secularism? Nothing more than what unites the Christian countries.' (source [Global Research](#)^[15])

It is also worth reproducing here how Brzezinski fashioned these **“Some stirred-up Moslems”**:

News voice over 1980: *“US National Security Advisor Brzezinski flew to Pakistan to set about rallying resistance. He wanted to arm the Mujahideen without revealing America's role. On the Afghan border near the Khayber Pass, he urged the Soldiers of God to redouble their efforts”*

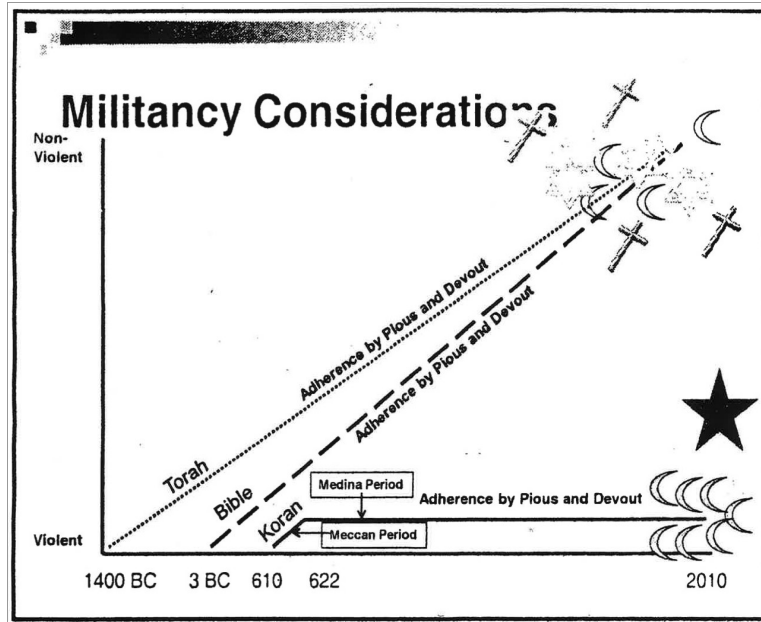
Brzezinski 1980: *“We know of their deep belief in God, and we are confident that their struggle will succeed. That land over there, is yours, you'll go back to it one day, because your fight will prevail, and you'll have your homes and your mosques back again; because your cause is right; **God is on your side.**”* [enthusiastic clapping by the future 'Mujahideens']

Brzezinski in the studio speaking to the interviewer: *“The purpose of coordinating with the Pakistanis will be to make the Soviets bleed, for as much, as long, as possible.”* (transcription)

is mine from the documentary [video clip](#)^[16])

The mass ignorance and the facile world views that lay behind *“their deep belief in god”* among the Muslims was devilishly harvested with *“god is on your side”* to leave the Muslim civilization of Afghanistan into dust, and to set the stage for the future disintegration of Pakistan, with nothing but *“Some stirred-up Moslems”!*

It is the same fundamental lack of wherewithal today among the Muslims which is also enabling the same grandmasters to wage the perpetual 'Global War on Terror' upon the world as the age-old pretext for *“imperial mobilization”* on *The Grand Chessboard*. The enemy in yesteryear was crafted as Communism. The enemy today is crafted as Islam. (See [Hijacking the word 'Islam' for Mantra Creation](#), op. cit.)



Caption As reported by Wired on September 14, 2011, an FBI training presentation titled “Militancy Considerations” measures the relationship between piety and violence among the texts of the three Abrahamic faiths [**the god's chosen people obviously coming out on top!!!**] As time goes on, the followers of the Torah and the Bible move from “violent” to “non-violent.” Not so for devotees of the Koran, whose “moderating process has not happened.” The line representing violent behavior from devout Muslims flatlines and continues outward, from 610 A.D. to 2010. In other words, religious Muslims have been and always will be agents of aggression. ([Image source](#)) Watch [FBI Presentation Video](#) artfully Hijacking Islam. See its full deconstruction in [FBI Muslims and Militancy Considerations --- Heads up](#). See [Islam vs. Secular Humanism and World Government](#) by [Zahir Ebrahim](#) for its full implication upon future generations of Muslims in the West. See the guide book [Hijacking the Holy Qur'an and Islam](#), adapted from the voluminous [The Poor-Man's Guide to Modernity](#) for ease of self-study [21].

In both endeavors, Muslim rulers and their intelligence apparatuses played, and are still playing, prostitutes to empire against the common-good of their own public.

Evidently, all empires, past and present, from antiquity to modernity, are built upon promoting facile views of certain truths among their public, and among their prostitutes.

St. Augustine had aptly summed it millennia ago:

“When the King asked him what he meant by infesting the sea, the pirate defiantly replied: *'the same as you do when you infest the whole world; but because I do it with a little ship I am called a robber, and because you do it with a great fleet, you are an emperor.'*” (*The City of God against the Pagans*, pg. 148).

It is not surprising then, that the One who claims to be the Creator of man, the author of the Qur'an, correctly gauged the natural psychology of the masses among mankind and how they will be manipulated by the devil's apprentices, and for which it universally advocated the pursuit of “ilm” and “haq” for every “insaan” in a lifelong striving it termed “jihad” as the only effective counter to facile world views from which all evil follows.

It is therefore also not surprising then, that the superlative devil's apprentices too, from time immemorial, also recognized that encouraging facile views among the masses was essential in order to rule them!

Thus was created the narrow specializations and superficial generalization of education systems since the dawn of the Industrial Age, to craft the “*likkha parrha jahils*” of modernity, meaning, literate morons with pieces of paper proclaiming their august qualifications. It wasn't just by the happenstance of rapid knowledge expansion of the *Technetronic Era*, as Zbigniew Brzezinski speciously implied in his 1970 book *Between Two Ages*, that the following has transpired:

'... it can be argued that in some respects "understanding" ... is today much more difficult for most people to attain. ... It is simply impossible for the average citizen and even for men of intellect to assimilate and meaningfully organize the flow of knowledge for themselves. In every scientific field complaints are mounting that the torrential outpouring of published reports, scientific papers, and scholarly articles and the proliferation of professional journals make it impossible for individuals to avoid becoming either narrow-gauged specialists or superficial generalists. The sharing of new common perspectives thus becomes more difficult as knowledge expands; in addition, traditional perspectives such as those provided by primitive myths or, more recently, by certain historically conditioned ideologies can no longer be sustained.' (Zbigniew Brzezinski, *Between Two Ages*, 1970, pg. 15)

Let me highlight the two key empirical observations from that aforementioned passage: ***“make it impossible for individuals to avoid becoming either narrow-gauged specialists or superficial generalists. The sharing of new common perspectives thus becomes more difficult as knowledge expands;”***. The self-serving cyclic argument of Brzezinski is that firstly, ignorance about knowledge, due to the sheer explosion in knowledge, is the natural outcome of scientific modernity. Secondly, that people can no longer easily reach a common “understanding” of their common condition. Both those observations are empirically true today. But one can easily imagine an alternate modernity where that need not be the case despite the abundance of knowledge explosion. It was the corporatization of knowledge in the service of empire in the vast military-industrial-academe complexes of the industrialized world, and its tight coupling to the exercise of hegemony, that has made it so. Science and technology today equate with hegemony. Therefore, since the quest for hegemony is perpetual, those pursuing science and technology have to continue slaving in the service of empire as “*narrow-gauged specialists*.” It is a self-serving, self-sustaining game of flourishing ignorance. And it isn't just incidental to knowledge explosion as Brzezinski has tried to portray it. It is in fact according to a premeditated plan, deftly put into motion at the very onset of Western industrialization, for the crafting of ***“a large number***

of men who are content to labor hard all day long.”

Here is Bernard de Mandeville in the eighteenth century, cleverly planting the very seeds of modern self-serving ignorance of the people for a production-consumption economy wherein, human masses are deemed only useful as economic widgets for the economic well-being of a nation:

'The economic well-being of the nation depends on the presence of a large number of men who are content to labor hard all day long. Because men are naturally lazy they will not work unless forced by necessity to do so.' (Bernard de Mandeville, *The Fable of the Bees*, 1705)

This man-made value system of human beings as economic widgets “*content to labor hard all day long*”, has today spread like a virus across the full gamut of gainful employment in the globalized corporate world, from blue collar to white collar, from traders to craftsman, from superficial generalists to narrow-gauged specialists.

That philosophy, to create “*a large number of men who are content to labor hard all day long ... forced by necessity*” espoused in *The Fable of the Bees*, inspired Adam Smith, the author of *Wealth of Nations*, to propose the pursuit of selfish industriousness for the overall common good. Of course, common good primarily of the ruling class with trickle-down economics, but that's just buried in the definition of common good where the common man labors hard all day long, and the elites enjoy the good. Patterned upon the bees collectively making that marvelous tasting honey, each bee narrowly staying busy in its own specialized micro-task, while the queen bee rests and enjoys all the benefits, lies the entire edifice of modern civilization. It hinges entirely upon what Bernard de Mandeville stated 300 years ago. At the risk of being repetitious, it needs to be emphasized once again: ***“The economic well-being of the nation depends on the presence of a large number of men who are content to labor hard all day long ... forced by necessity.”***

This 300 years old philosophy of inculcating selfish, myopic, narrow-gauged industriousness for the common good has been easily adapted to the high-tech *Technetronic Era* of modernity which naturally requires highly specialized, passionate, skilled, ultra-hard working bees “*content to labor hard all day long*” due to their natural fascination with the subject. It goes hand in glove with creating specialized narrow-gauged morons with advanced university degrees who can very patriotically “United We Stand” for the common good while staying productively engaged in narrow specializations in the economy.

Kept perpetually too busy to either think independently from the herd even when capable of doing so, or to pursue knowledge outside of their narrow-gauged spheres of specializations by the sheer demands of time and the endless debt-bills in pursuit of their endless “American Dreams”, statecraft today relies on inflicting exactly *The Fable of the Bees* upon man for its own functioning as an empire. In this scheme of things, vast amounts of useless information has been recast as knowledge, and parrots have been turned into learned savants. While wisdom and commonsense have been driven out from the acumen of men and women “*content to labor hard all day long ... forced by necessity.*”

That pursuit, by its very nature, promotes holding only facile world views among the dreamers of the 'American Dream'. The more one is invested in one's American Dream, the more averse one automatically becomes to losing that dream if one wakes up to “ilm”. Natural psychological forces do the rest, by automatically bringing to the cognitive surface incessant rationalizations and self-delusions to maintain status quo in order to suppress the discomfort of *cognitive dissonance*. (See Leon Festinger's study of mental gymnastics for harmonizing dissonance.) The end result is that one prefers to maintain only a nodding acquaintance with “ilm”, remaining mostly content with what's salutarily written on that piece of decorative parchment necessary for becoming an economic widget. The devil's apprentices building their palatial heavens

right here on this earth, have further ensured that the very nature of participating in modernity also only permits the hardworking bees just sufficient time and inclination for either very superficially-broad, or very narrow-gauged specialized acquaintance with “ilm”.

We have already seen above that without “ilm”, striving for “haq” is impossible. Thus, between self-deception, deception by Machiavelli, and full time engagement in bread and circuses, one automatically becomes a captive audience to one's ignorance in all important matters which occupy the elites enjoying all that common good from the work of those “*content to labor hard all day long.*” This diabolically induced state of ignorance makes one easy putty in the rulers' cold calculating hands. The cumulative impact of this to society is exactly as presaged by Brzezinski in *Between Two Ages* – a must read ode to legitimizing the tyranny of the elite in the *Technetronic Era* (subtitle of the book). The era of global scientific dictatorship.

The proof of this is the empirical evidence that the most industrialized, most powerful, the greatest and richest Republic on earth today whose economic foundation was laid by Adam Smith, trumped the foundation of liberty and separation from empire laid by its founding fathers with the prime directive that it was to be a Republic. It has silently descended into a police-state without a murmur of protest from either its super-educated or its rank and file. They both today stupidly stand together in line to have their body cavities examined, groped, molested, humiliated, or irradiated with deadly radiation every time they travel by air. Soon, it will be every time they visit a shopping mall, governmental office, school, and perhaps even getting on and off highways to and fro from work. Mobile radiation scanners are already deployed in many cities which scan all passerbys, cars, trucks, for the so called “terrorists”. The rulers meanwhile have their own private jets which take off and land on private runways and terminals bypassing the fate of the masses. No radiation scanners violate their physical being, and no perverts molest their women and children.

All this travesty only exists because the public is continually taught the facile view, or forced to acquiesce to the facile view at the threat of themselves being labeled “terrorist”, that they are under mortal threat from the “terrorist”. Referring back to Zbigniew Brzezinski's ode to hegemony quoted at the very beginning, the method of circumventing domestic impediments to the “*sustained exercise abroad of genuinely imperial power*” become empirically self-evident: “*Moreover, as America becomes an increasingly multicultural society, it may find it more difficult to fashion a consensus on foreign policy issues, except in the circumstance of a truly massive and widely perceived direct external threat. [Because] the pursuit of power is not a goal that commands popular passion, except in conditions of a sudden threat or challenge to the public's sense of domestic well-being.*” (pgs. 211, 44) Q.E.D.

As the aforementioned examination discloses, in this perpetual battle between good and evil, strong and weak, hegemonies and victims, wolves and sheep, rulers and masses, evidently both sides have been well equipped. But unfortunately, it is only the one side which has continually figured out, from time immemorial, how to capitalize on its own core strengths and others' weaknesses. And it has artfully trapped the other in bread and circuses.

This was the craft of kings from antiquity who ruled in the name of the divine for their own private interests with “*all authority is an extension of god's authority*”. And is now the craft of Machiavelli in modernity who showed the prince how to rule for private interests in the name of democracy with “*god is on your side*”. Indeed, it is only upon that singular characteristic that the following observation of Zbigniew Brzezinski in his own bible of hegemony, *The Grand Chessboard*, is so penetratingly accurate even today: “*Hegemony is as old as mankind.*” (pg. 3)

The very foundation of hegemony and empire lie in the public holding largely facile views of truths essential to the rulers. It doesn't matter which view they hold, in fact, they can hold any view they want, so long as it is not the whole truth, and is anything but the truth.

Like every people, such facile views are also promoted by Christians themselves of their own religion upon their own masses – never mind others doing it for them – when it is convenient to the exercise of imperial power. There is virtually no exception to this empiricism throughout the pages of recorded history. It exists among every people, including Jews, Hindus, Muslims, Greeks, Romans, Egyptians, etc. Pick an empire and its people have been subjected to facile worldviews which have served the interests of empire.

And modernity is no exception.

Promulgating Zionism among the Jews, and Christian Zionism in the Bible Belt of America, readily come to mind.

The following is just one example. A facile sermon ostensibly from the Holy Bible, by a Christian preacher harkening back to the divine kings of antiquity to teach his own flock to ***“Honor the King. Do it anyway, whether the king deserves it or not”***:

“I am free to submit to authority. I am free to make myself a slave.

My friends, you are free, you are free to respect and appreciate the authority of the government that god gives to you - Honor the King!

The way you talk about your government, it's so easy to complain isn't it? It is so easy to criticize, it is so easy to find fault.

Honor the King. Do it anyway, whether the king deserves it or not.

All authority, all authority is an extension of god's authority!” (*New American Theology of Civil Submission*, transcription is mine from a Youtube video of the sermon cited by prisonplanet.com^[17], April 14, 2008)

Caption New American Theology of Civil Submission

What can be a more self-servingly facile view of Christianity than that Orwellian double-speak?

Any Muslim's facile views of Christianity surely pale in comparison!

As is amply evidenced above, anyone can promote facile views, and also be the victim of them. To remove facile views on any subject, including Christianity and Islam, it is commonsensical to go directly to its source. Approach the Good Book with a desire to understand what the Book actually says, whether or not one believes or accepts it – as when writing an A+ book report for a high school English honors class – and one shall know.

Worn out from holding facile views in the land of absurdities, journalist and “*accidental theologian*”, Lesley Hazleton tried it. She sat down one day to read the Holy Qur'an as “*an agnostic Jew reading someone else's*

Holy Book” – by her own description. And what she found -- as a non-Muslim, a self-identified “*tourist*” in the Islamic holy book -- wasn't what she had expected. It ended for her the tyranny of facile views on Islam and the Holy Qur'an. Watch^[18].

Summation and Impact Analysis

To finally bring this long riposte to a summation, the short theme being keyed off here has posed a good specific question whose general answer has been explained to those Muslims who can understand the wisdom of the Qur'an. Ignorance, like being naked at birth, is the natural state of being. But we don't go prancing about as civilized adults in the *au natural* state of our body anymore than we should as civilized adults, of the *au natural* state of our mind!

Having facile views is natural, of others especially, but is not limited to the 'other'. One can be just as ignorant of what's one's own as illustrated above. And as an antidote to holding facile views, the full spectrum pursuit of knowledge as the precondition for the pursuit of a noble life – to be counted among the “truthful ones” – is rationally advocated by the author of the Qur'an as a categorical imperative for the civilized and harmonious co-existence of man.

That quest for harmonious co-existence at times requires measured and effective self-defence against predators, both physical and psychological. And the prescription for that striving against man's natural predators, the sociopaths and tyrants from among mankind itself, is captured by the universal striving for “*haq*”. Meaning, just as the natural state of creation is the jungle, but we don't live in one as a civilized people, the natural law of the jungle too is not the law of civilization. That law, the Qur'anic prescription of striving for “*haq*”, is the most well balanced and comprehensive prescription that exists in any book of wisdom from time immemorial. It prescribes how to be effective and pragmatic in standing up to barbarians without ourselves becoming one. It offers the criterion for resolving the existential dilemma often faced by all peoples of conscience, whether to confront, or to be co-opted. To know what it is, one still needs to acquire its “*ilm*”, as with everything else. We no more naturally know it in our *au natural* state of ignorance and barbarianism than we are born with our clothes on.

Interestingly, it is also a commonsense wisdom. Acquire Knowledge – '*even if one has to journey to China*', as the Prophet of Islam is reputed to have also stated to his followers in that *Age of Jahiliya* (ignorance).

The difficulty of physically journeying to China is of course considerably less today. However, we continue to suffer another *Age of Jahiliya* in our modernity today. One that is dominated by facile views and deception all around. The most pervasive of these facile views among Muslims today is their own self-deception to avoid taking on the responsibility for rectifying their own subjugated condition. It is that oft heard self-serving proclamation of the pious and the scoundrel alike: “*Allah chala raha hai*”. Meaning, “God is running the world”. Its natural corollary then easily follows: “*let Allah take care of his world while I take care of my camels.*”

The devil's apprentices who actually are running the world, from time immemorial, deliberately cultivate such servile dogmas and facile views among the foolish masses living in their *au natural* mental state. To await their favorite *savior* or *messiah*; to patiently suffer life for the future expectation of reward in heaven; to focus on taking care of one's own camels and to leave the affairs of state to god, president, or king, except to vote every four years as that's called “democracy” which one must worship; etceteras, while the rulers continue to

enjoy their own unlimited heavens right here on earth.

The devil's apprentices also find an irresistibly natural fertile soil among the Muslims for imperial plowing and harvesting. Divided into partisan sects from birth, each having not just a different understanding of the early history of their religion, but also a slightly different understanding of the religion of Islam itself despite possessing the same Holy Qur'an that they all share, Muslims rush to draw upon their respective sectarian narrations of history and doctrinal mumbo jumbo (that's the only way I can fairly describe what pious Muslim scholars utter from their highest pulpits to indoctrinate their flock), to dignify their pathetic silence to tyranny. That's the "good Muslim" variety (sic!). The "bad Muslim" of course rush to join "Al Qaeda" (sic!). The Muslim ethos, born in servitude, cultivated into co-option, and dreaming of rewards in heaven, lends naturally to the Hegelian Dialectic of "good Muslim" vs. "bad Muslim".

And precisely that facile world view was engaged from the very day of 9/11 by Muslim scholars with assistance from the many Trojan Horses and Uncle Toms. It made, and still continues to make ten years later, the otherwise un-congenial task of "*imperial mobilization*" all that much more un-impedimental for invading and occupying "bad Muslim" nations while the "good Muslims" who stay silent, or support the empire's narratives, are applauded and rewarded for their "United We Stand". See for instance, the 2010 [600 page Fatwa on Terrorism](#)^[19] which earned its Uncle Tom author a place next to the massa at the World Economic Forum in 2011.

As one can hopefully appreciate very clearly by now, the observation by Zbigniew Brzezinski: "*Hegemony is as old as mankind*", has only been true because of an almost infinite gamut of facile views being deftly cultivated among the peoples who have lived and died for maintaining the glory of their rulers from the very beginning of civilization.

Where to seek knowledge, wisdom, when all bearers of knowledge and wisdom, both in the East and the West, appear to be shilling for self-interest? When the bearers of knowledge today also appear to be the greatest manipulators and predators of man? And when the knowledge seeker too is naturally beholden to socialization and susceptible to accepting facile world views ingrained since birth?

See the [CAIR report](#)^[20] for the difficulties faced in overcoming facile views by even the most learned and pious when their own chiefs mislead them. For writing and disseminating that response to CAIR report pointing out its significant omissions, one Muslim board member of one of the largest Muslim community and mosque of California Bay Area responded: "*Whose interests are you serving? Hateful zionists or the hateful christian zioinists or both? Take me off your list.*"!

It will be noticed that I have refrained from offering any specific solutions here beyond what is naturally obvious by way of commonsense, or automatically falls out from the text of the quoted passages from the Holy Qur'an. Instead, I have focussed mainly on highlighting the myriad dimensions of the problem-space surrounding the cultivation of self-serving facile views birthed by socialization but aliased as "knowledge" and "wisdom". Apart from vested self-interests, it is the improper rush to solutions by short attention span sincere peoples which often preclude really understanding the problem domain to the depth of ab initio, which in turn precludes any effective redressing. Thus, it is observed that most invariably end up applying palliative ointments to symptoms of systemic diseases which instead of healing, continue to eat-away a people from within. See "[The Poor-Man's Guide to Modernity](#)"^[21] for more aspects of the problem domain.

That vile curse of modernity, wrought by hectoring hegemons, is the common challenge for all people of faith, as well as no faith. Namely, self-preservation from predatory forces disguised as friends and governments who

thrive mainly by cultivating facile and outright nonsensical views among the public as gospel truths! Even the best and the brightest often get taken in by both socialization and self-interests, and end up 'United We Stand' with what is in fact absurdities.

Additional real world examples of how very difficult this endeavor of seeking knowledge which can help separate truth from falsehoods, has become in the super-abundance of our information-age due to a) self-absorption in the pursuit of the proverbial 'American Dream'; b) being perpetually kept busy between bread and circuses throughout our adult lives; and c) Machiavellian total perception management being the cornerstone of modern statecraft; can be found in “The IVY League Morons Syndrome”^[22] and “Response to 'Why I'm leaving Harvard'”^[23].

A review of the FAQ: What is an Intellectual Negro?^[24], and the report on Behavior Control titled “The Mighty Wurlitzer”^[25], will I hope help in becoming self-aware of some of the mental gymnastics of servitude routinely inflicted upon mankind which naturally encourage holding self-serving facile views.

How we ended up in this tortuous *New Age of Jahiliya* where everything the public is made to believe is either facile or false; where liberty is to get people to love their own servitude obeying orders; and where happiness is in the public being content laboring hard all day long for the benefit of the few; is examined in depth in my response to a brilliant scientist inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2011, “The Fable of the Bees”^[26].

Footnotes

* A non-Muslim inquisitive reader may sensibly stop to ponder that why did the Author of the Holy Qur'an not directly impart its self-proclaimed divine guidance directly to each human being instead of employing the “Al-Wasilah”, His Messengers and Imams? Instead of mandating seeking “*the means of approach unto Him*,” the “Wasilah”, in an alternate system every human being could have just as easily been his or her own Imam, his or her own Wasilah, employing his or her own inner moral compass – the perfect egalitarian system with direct connection to the Creator – thus obviating the need for chosen Messengers and Imams to start with. It may be argued that this could have perhaps avoided the corruption of the pulpit and the concomitant bloodshed of several millennia altogether! Why such an obvious earthly measure was not adopted by the self-proclaimed All Knowing and All Seeing Author of the Holy Qur'an, may at best only be baselessly speculated upon by the brilliant intellectual – for that's clearly not the method adopted by the Author of the Holy Qur'an – leading to even more idle chatter and furtherance of even more facile views of Islam.

[1] An early version of this article was submitted as comment for the article to the anon website: <http://lwtc247.wordpress.com/2011/06/09/jesus-isa-alahi-salam/#comment-5241>

[2] <http://faith-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/08/islam-why-is-quran-easy-to-hijack-pt1.html>

[3] <http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2009/12/morality-from-intellect-is-enslavement.html>

[4] <http://faith-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/08/islam-why-is-quran-easy-to-hijack-pt2.html>

[5] A straightforward exposition can be found in Murtada Mutahhari, *Understanding the Uniqueness of the Qur'an*, <http://www.al-islam.org/al-tawhid/unique-quran.htm> albeit with the characteristic presuppositions common to all ingrained sectarian socializations already examined in Part-I of Islam: Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to hijack? <http://faith-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/08/islam-why-is-quran-easy-to-hijack->

pt1.html This fact of socialization is unfortunately not acknowledged by Mutahhari in his exposition even though it is embedded in the teachings of the Holy Qur'an in its emphasis on the separation of righteous beliefs (haquq Allah 42:10) from righteous acts (haquq-al-ibad 5:48). The Holy Qur'an calls itself *Al Furqan*, the criterion, by which to judge both for one's own strivings in the path of "haq". That lack of recognition fortunately does not detract from Murtada Mutahhari's sensible examination of how to study the Holy Quran despite that fact that he does lend an a priori conclusion to such study based on his own socialization which is amply in evidence in his exposition. It is in fact hard to find a scholar of any religion who fervently believes in that religion, who would be immune to such a priori conclusions even as he might endeavor to teach others how to study the religion and letting them arrive at their own conclusions AFTER that study! This appears to be the inherent nature of socialization and of the subjectivity, and hence the religiosity, conferred to it by the right-half brain. This is perhaps why the Holy Qur'an while accepting socialization as a human fact, has also laid so much emphasis on striving for "haq" under all conditions for everyone among mankind whereby, striving for overcoming the *nafs*, the personal inclinations due to proclivity and socialization, is termed the *greater jihad* and a co-requisite to the reflective study of the Holy Qur'an. See Part-II of Islam: Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to hijack? (Ibid.) for some inherent impediments in its path.

[6] <http://edition.cnn.com/2010/US/07/29/florida.burn.quran.day/index.html>

[7] http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2011-03-21-quran-burning-florida_N.htm

[8] *European media provokes Muslims to inflame Zionist "CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS"* by Christopher Bollyn, American Free Press, 3-Feb-2006 <http://www.rumormillnews.com/cgi-bin/archive.cgi?read=84976>

[9] http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/10/27/terry-jones-2012-president_n_1035631.html

[10] <http://faith-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/08/hijacking-word-islam-mantra-creation.html>

[11] <http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2010/02/what-is-intellectual-negro.html#The-Goebbels-Family-Fate>

[12] *Some Old Manuscripts of the Holy Qur'an* by Kazim Mudir Shانهchi, Astaneh-ye Quds-a Radawi, Mashad, Iran <http://www.al-islam.org/al-tawhid/manuscripts.htm>

[13] http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/physics/laureates/1979/salam-speech.html

[14] <http://faith-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/07/islam-surah-al-asr-of-holy-quran.html>

[15] <http://www.globalresearch.ca/articles/BRZ110A.html>

[16] http://sites.google.com/site/humanbeingsfirst/download-pdf/god_is_on_your_side.wmv

[17] http://www.prisonplanet.com/articles/april2008/140408_b_Theology.htm

[18] http://www.ted.com/talks/lesley_hazelton_on_reading_the_koran.html

[19] <http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/03/resp-terror-fatwa-in-service-of-empire.html>

[20] <http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/07/cair-report-islamophobia-rising-usa.html>

[21] <http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/06/poor-mans-guide-to-modernity.html>

PDF Book *The Poor-Man's Guide to Modernity* Edition 5f, September 15, 2012:

<http://humanbeingsfirst.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/the-poor-mans-guide-to-modernity-5f.pdf>

PDF Book *Hijacking the Holy Qur'an and Islam*, October 2012:

<http://humanbeingsfirst.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/why-hijacking-quran-islam-easy-zahirebrahim.pdf>

[22] <http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/01/ivy-league-morons-syndrome-zahirebrahim.html>

[23] <http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2010/11/response-to-why-im-leaving-harvard.html>

[24] <http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2010/02/what-is-intellectual-negro.html>

[25] <http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2009/05/note-on-mighty-wurlitzer.html>

[26] <http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/11/seduction-of-science-and-technology.html>

Short URL: <http://tinyurl.com/Islam-Socialization>

Source URL: <http://faith-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/07/islam-and-knowledge-vs-socialization.html>

Credits

Qur'an Arabic text and translation courtesy of: <http://tanzil.net>

Qur'an Audio courtesy of: <http://versebyversequran.com>

Qur'an Translations in English by Yusufali, Shakir, and Pickthall

First published on June 11, 2011

IV

Chapter 10 Muslim Stooges in the Service of Empire

Response to the Fatwa on Terrorism in the Service of Empire

The political philosophies and social engineering underlying *imperial mobilization* are far more diabolical today than they have been in the past. Comprehending the role of fabricated enemies and false oppositions to lend credence to the fabricated enemies, begins at the doorstep of political science, not Islam. The fatwa is part of the finely tuned social engineering to continually *engineer consent* for the fabricated perpetual war on terror.

This is a response to the following pertinent passage from the Pakistani news reports on the Islamic scholar Dr. Tahir ul-Qadri of Minhaj-ul-Qur'aan, a Sufi organization in East London, issuing terrorism fatwa (also BBC March 2, 2010).

The Pakistani English language daily The News reported:

'LONDON: The 600-page document, drawn up by Dr Tahir-ul-Qadri, declares that attacks on innocent citizens are "absolutely against the teachings of Islam".

The Minhaj-ul-Qur'aan, a Sufi organisation based in East London, which advises the British government on how to combat radicalisation of the Muslim youth, will launch the 600-page Fatwa against suicide bombings and terrorism, declaring them un-Islamic, tomorrow.

It condemns the perpetrators of terrorist explosions and suicide bombings. The document, written by Dr Tahir-ul-Qadri, declares the suicide bombings and terrorism as "totally un-Islamic". It is one of the most detailed and comprehensive documents of its kind to be published in Britain.'

Right!

The BBC in its own truthful coverage of the fatwa (and parroted by the world press) noted that: *'The scholar describes al-Qaeda as an "old evil with a new name" that has not been sufficiently challenged.'* Al Qaeda is



Caption **Shameless Stooges** and *house niggers* at the *massa's* table in payoff for "Bukakke" services rendered. Tahir ul-Qadri and Imran Khan are not simpleton patsies – they know exactly what they are doing by echoing empire's axioms on Terrorism. Just being invited to sit at the *white man's* table and utter gibberish in gratitude is evidently sufficient incentive for Pakistani *brown-sahibs* to commit treason. The Western establishment's cultivated Trojan Horse among Muslims for "*cognitive infiltration*" and spawning more "*beneficial religious diversity*" (sic!), namely "*moderate Islam*", Qadri-Khan make even Mir Jafar/Mir Sadiq duo look virtuous. The final payment awaiting stooges when their services are terminated can be witnessed in the fate of the one far more illustrious, Benazir Bhutto. The ill-fated *daughter of the East* had echoed the same axioms on Terrorism at the CFR in 2007. Evidently, anyone and everyone can be recruited after they have shown their willingness to echo *the white man's burden*. Here is CFR's latest 2011 promotion from among the *native informants*. (Image contributed by a Pakistani *field negro*) **Job Advertisement:** *Now is your chance to serve the massa – pathetic house negroes are in great demand! And you can have your choice of "Between" to choose from as your daily service. Trips to Disneyland, sabbaticals, appointments, and book deals are included in the compensation package based on the level of eruditeness of your bullshit.*

from other war crimes in that it contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole."

Unless that additional truism – which is also the Islamic principle for culpability expressed in the Qur'an as the blame is with those who initiate the war-mongering aggression – well established by the Military Tribunal at Nuremberg by the United States herself as the yardstick for identifying primary war-mongers, is appended, or pre-pended, to any overarching statement on terrorism, one must know that all such pious proclamations, including that in the 600-page document, are only the Hegelian vomit of vulgar propagandists justifying the "***supreme international crime***" of their real masters.

Their fate will be no different than Goebbells'. Whether or not that destiny actually transpires within our own lifetime, let it be repeatedly told at every opportunity, in every generation, and in no uncertain terms, that in

indeed the same age "old evil with a new name": the fabricated Hegelian Dialectic necessary for launching and sustaining "imperial mobilization" on the Grand Chessboard!

But sadly, and quite expectedly, none heralding the fatwa in the worldwide media coverage, nor any branded scholar manufacturing consent or dissent, dared to complete that virtuous proclamation on terrorism in that 600-page fatwa with the following obviousness:

'Furthermore, gratuitously laying a carpet of bombs on civilian populations, invading one's military forces into other nations' territories, and decimating entire civilizations to the point of cultural and physical genocide, is a far greater terrorism; a crime of aggression so heinous that it is not simply referred to as "war crime", but "the supreme international crime differing only

the hammaams (bath houses) of the hectoring hegemons, these prostitutes are merely their “Bukakke” (borrowing that hideous new word which appears to be the passionate pastime of many a Pakistani as I learnt here).

Unlike some others, I foolishly write under my own name with full self-identification. And I invite these brilliant scholars who span the gamut of doctrinal warfare from peddling “Islam” with half-truths to peddling Secular Humanism with outright deception, to haul me into the International Criminal Court of Justice for referring to them by their only real profession. It should be interesting, but only if the foolish plebeian is permitted to speak unfettered.

Any takers of “justice”, “Islam”, Secular Humanism? How about you, Dr Tahir-ul-Qadri?

The voice of reason of ordinary plebeians often seems to be accompanied by only the thunderous sounds of silence. Free-speech in free-space can kill mercilessly by asphyxiation!

And humanity is concomitantly being butchered under the twain carpet of bombs because there is no one to challenge the “*supreme international crime*” in a forum that has any meaningful power to redress it. When the rare opportunity does materialize to wage a genuine battle for justice for a change, it is largely squandered on the lower order bits of the matter:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2010/03/zahirs-comment-Russell-tribunal-palest.html>

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2010/01/letter-francisboyle-iraq-afghan-victims.html>

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2009/04/vanilla-or-chocolate-icing-ondevilscape.html>

But what kills me even more than these well-intentioned justice-minded professionals whom I don’t personally know – at least these courageous folks know the truth and operate on their own peculiar calculus of justice which merely differs from mine – is the obsequence of intellectual and house negroes in America and Pakistan, many of whom happen to be my good friends and colleagues. Some even know of my humble pen. And yet, they too only see the friggin Islamofascist pirates, just like this Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri chap with his fake Hegelian opposition to Islamofascism. But not the emperor’s vast armies poised to annihilate entire defenseless nations with their unmatched nuclear weapons, and already having done so with extreme “*shock and awe*” invasions of Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Palestine, and now even doing their own nation.

Nor do they try to comprehend political science, that the pirates are almost entirely a diabolical synthesis of the emperor’s Machiavellian brains because without Islamofascism and its duped recruits, the rulers of the world have no pretext to rapidly transform their empire into world government. All the hectoring hegemons’ raped-pregnancies and birth-pangs of world order ultimately remain still-born without the synthetic curse of Islamofascism:

‘[Because] the pursuit of power is not a goal that commands popular passion, except in conditions of a sudden threat or challenge to the public’s sense of domestic well-being. The economic self-denial (that is defense spending), and the human sacrifice (casualties even among professional soldiers) required in the effort are uncongenial to democratic instincts. Democracy is inimical to imperial mobilization. ... [Thus it is] more difficult to fashion a consensus on foreign policy issues, except in the circumstance of a truly massive and widely perceived direct external threat. ... That exercise requires a high degree of doctrinal motivation, intellectual commitment, and patriotic gratification.’
(Zbigniew Brzezinski)

I expect Dr. Tahir ul-Qadri of Minhaj-ul-Qur'aan to publicly explain his vulgar omissions in his partial definition of terrorism. Perhaps he remains un-aware that: ***“Great is truth, but still greater, from a practical point of view, is silence about truth. By simply not mentioning certain subjects... totalitarian propagandists have influenced opinion much more effectively than they could have by the most eloquent denunciations.”*** (Aldous Huxley) I would in fact support his thesis on terrorism if it was accordingly amended to reflect all the omissions noted here, and not couched as fatwa in the service of empire.

However, the learned scholar labors under a grave misconception that his personal opinion has any religious significance as fatwa, even if he were to make the aforementioned corrections and forthrightly condemn empire's own state terrorism and war-mongering aggression in his document.

No human being needs permission from another to wage his or her legitimate self-defense. It is a primary existential instinct, more fundamental than any dogma, religion, or belief – even the lowliest of animals have their instinct for self-preservation. If modernity has desensitized that basic instinct among humankind, watch its demonstration in animalkind in the [Battle at Kruger](#). Loftier principles of morals and dogmas layered upon these basic natural instincts which purport to transform us human beings from the amoeba into Ashraf-ul-Makloofat – such as America's famous Bill of Rights and its Declaration of Independence, and of course Islam which proclaims itself the natural religion liberating man from the shackles of all servitude to fellow man – regulate what is lawful and what isn't so people may equitably co-exist with each other and with state-power without usurping each others rights. That regulation for Muslims choosing to follow the religion Islam, is explicit in the Qur'anic teachings in the context of terrorism vs. Jihad. These require no mullah's fatwa, no matter how learned. Personal fatwas in the religion of Islam may not be issued on what is already made explicit in the religion of Islam itself – by the very definition of the concept of fatwa in Islamic jurisprudence. What is permissible, and what isn't, in waging the battle of self-defense is already made abundantly explicit in the principled teachings of the Holy Qur'an. One may surely explain these principles to others in full context, but not issue fatwas amending, particularizing, or hiding its general import in the totality of the message of Islam through calculated omissions in the service of vested interests.

Any personal opinion couched as fatwa which fails to recognize the greatest enemy systematically devouring Muslims today, can only emanate from the enemy of the Muslims. The hectoring hegemons are experts at disguises and can wear any garb. The Mussalmans' short and blood-soaked history is replete with such two-bit shills putting religion in the service of empire. The price has spanned the gamut of co-option from a few silver coins for issuing imperial proclamations in the name of Islam, to anointed leadership of manufactured sects for sowing discords and ***“beneficial cognitive diversity”*** in the best mold of divide et impera.

In this instance, it is the realization of [Daniel Pipes](#) wet-dreams in the service of empire that ***'The idea that “militant Islam is the problem, moderate Islam is the solution” is finding greater acceptance over time.'*** Well, here is empire's own ***“moderate Islam”*** for us plebes, as the WWF wrestling match against its own virulent creation of ***“militant Islam”***.

The face of “moderate Islam”



Caption Video Face of ***“moderate Islam”*** featuring Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri, the ***“Ambassador of Peace”***. An even more entertaining version of Daniel Pipe's choice for ***“moderate Islam”*** with its leader* basking in the adulation of his prostrating fans, is [here](#) ([search](#))

The political philosophies and social engineering underlying ***imperial mobilization*** are far more diabolical today than they have been in the past. Comprehending the role of fabricated enemies and false oppositions to lend credence to the fabricated enemies, begins at the doorstep of political science, not Islam. The fatwa is part of the finely tuned social engineering to continually ***engineer consent*** for the fabricated perpetual war on terror. The primary modus operandi of that social engineering is seeded in the Hegelian Dialectics of Deception and the Technique of Infamy as already explained in this [tutorial](#). Witness the dialectical twin of this pious Fatwa in the promulgation of the impious girl flogging video which was presciently unraveled in this [Letter to Editor of April 06, 2009](#), and which is now coming unraveled even officially.

This factual observation of diabolically ***engineering consent*** with tortuous political theories and absurdities being primarily at work here, is further underscored in the stark contrast between the pious 'Islamic scholarship' of the Fatwa in the service of empire and this Syrian Arab Catholic priest's lament in his open letter '[To His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI](#)'. The latter demonstrates a moral fibre largely unknown to Pakistan's virtuous house negro peddling 'Islam's holiness' for gratis (£6.99 for hardcopy), and which was even intoned by the [BBC News Magazine](#) as '**A fatwa they can work with?**': *“An Islamic scholar turned up in London last week to deliver a religious ruling denouncing terrorism in all its forms – but what was it about him that made everyone sit up and listen? He’s a man on a mission – a mission to state the obvious.”* Unfortunately for the 'untermenschen' everywhere, this virtuous ***“man on a mission”*** journeying to the heartland of empire in voluntary servitude to peddle his “Islam” felt no ***“moral mission to state the [even more] obvious”***! Facts which, quite unsurprisingly, even the empire's own top field commander, [Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal](#), being a free man unfettered in his own *la mission civilisatrice*, had the cold chutzpah to boldly proclaim without fear of any future Nuremberg accountability: ***“We have shot an amazing number of people, but to my knowledge, none has ever proven to be a threat,”*** (New York Times, March 26, 2010)

Finally, I conclude this lamentable but principled response to Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri’s terrorism fatwa in the service of his empire with the only universally humanitarian prayer to perhaps ever escape from the particularistic lips of 'god’s chosen people' now waging full spectrum war of domination upon all *Amelekites*,

that of its favorite Nobel laureate Holocaust™ spokesman, Elie Wiesel:

‘I still curse the killers, their accomplices, the indifferent spectators who knew and kept silent, and Creation itself, Creation and those who perverted and distorted it. I feel like screaming, howling like a madman so that that world, the world of the murderers, might know it will never be forgiven.’

Thank you.

* **Footnote:** I have no opinion on Tahir ul-Qadri's version of “Sufi Islam” per se, only on his brazen omissions in defining terrorism in the *calculated* service of empire. Qadri is not a patsy. It is doubtful that Qadri remains unaware that he is being used as a useful idiot! On the other hand, sitting at the massa's table for a *house nigger* can be a most powerful aphrodisiac for which he is willing to do anything. It is even worse in case of a Pakistani *brown-sahib*, who is more likely to be a straightforward and savvy mercenary than a complicated mental-midget: *“Price of a Pakistani oscillates between a free trip to the US and a bottle of whisky.”*, as was reported by a former Director of Pakistan's ISI in his memoir *Profiles of Intelligence*, quoting a US Counsel General at Lahore. Also see Malcolm X's and Martin Luther King Jr.'s insightful descriptions of the *house negro* in <http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2010/02/what-is-intellectual-negro.html>

Zahir Ebrahim

Project Humanbeingsfirst.org

Addendum: Letter to Fatwa Authors

Date: Wed, Mar 24, 2010 at 11:09 AM

From: Zahir Ebrahim | Project Humanbeingsfirst.org

To: The originators and authors of the Fatwa on Terrorism

tehreek@minhaj.org, spokesman@minhajuk.org, shahid.mursaleen@minhajuk.org, zahid.iqbal@minhajuk.org, ishtiaq.ahmed@minhajuk.org

CC: Press

Dear Scholars and Leaders of Islam issuing the One-sided Fatwa on Terrorism:

You might be aware that I do not recognize any pious leaders, of Islam or otherwise, when they intersect conversely with truth, or with political science. The only genuine leadership I know of today, is that of the

devil – the hectoring hegemons – and therefore, I oppose it.

Therefore, I do not find it impertinent to boldly ask whether you take peoples to be fools? Or are you just being useful idiots in the hands of hectoring hegemons? I am not sure which one. Therefore, I draw your kind attention to Project Humanbeingsfirst's Response to your Terrorism Fatwa which is entirely in the service of empire:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2010/03/resp-terror-fatwa-in-service-of-empire.html>

Please be advised that people are aware that all sorts of fatwas have been issued throughout history by the most pious pontiffs to justify the crimes of empire. If it is news to you how religion, and especially Islam, is put in the service of empire through half-truths and outright omissions, then, instead of presuming to teach others, you might perhaps spend some time studying yourself.

And lest you believe that you have acquired some newly inspired knowledge through virtuous piety which I do not possess due to my ordinary dint of hard study and forensic observations, and due to which you believe your palpable omissions as noted in the response are justified, I would be happy to hear of your inspired knowledge.

And if I am shown the error of my analysis and conclusions due to my general lack of humility before either the pirates or the emperor, I would be happy to eat crow.

Otherwise, I invite you to be forthright and include what is omitted in your terrorism report to complete your partial thesis in the full service of the people, of all peoples. For doing that, you will most assuredly earn my genuine and humble thanks with full endorsement of your report - provided the word fatwa is dropped from it. Your personal opinion has no religious significance in matters in which the religion of Islam has unequivocally already spoken. Only a political one, and that would be sufficient, nay [of] immense significance for the ordinary peoples of the world, almost 7 billion of us, of all faiths and persuasions, that even one Muslim scholar has the balls to call a spade a spade.

Even further, I would be most happy to enter into fair interlocution with your learned scholar who presumably authored this one-sided Fatwa, or obligingly put his name to it, in any public televised forum. Should be interesting for the world to witness a rational dialog between a virtuous Islamic scholar berating the pirates while ignoring the grotesque imperial mobilization of the emperor that is not only responsible for genocide of multiple Muslim civilizations, but is also rapidly lowering an iron-curtain of tortuous police-states throughout Europe and America, and an ordinary plebe.

I humbly invite the press to publish this letter in their columns and newspapers.

Thank you.

Zahir Ebrahim

Project Humanbeingsfirst.org

<http://humanbeingsfirst.org>

California, United States of America.

The Reply

Date: Wed, 24 Mar 2010 21:44:52 +0000

Subject: Re: Response to the Fatwa on Terrorism in the Service of Empire

From: Zahid Iqbal

To: “Project Humanbeingsfirst.org”

Cc: tehreek@minhaj.org, spokesman@minhajuk.org, shahid.mursaleen@minhajuk.org, zahid.iqbal@minhajuk.org, ishtiaq.ahmed@minhajuk.org, Abbas Aziz , DAWOOD HUSSAIN

AoA

err....

I think we have a nut-job here, and a frustrated one at that. No need to reply, methinks...

Zahid

Short URL: <http://tinyurl.com/Tahir-ul-Qadri-Fatwa-Terrorism>

Source URL: <http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/03/resp-terror-fatwa-in-service-of-empire.html>

Source PDF Letter March 24, 2010: <http://humanbeingsfirst.files.wordpress.com/2010/03/letter-to-fatwa-authors-response-to-the-fatwa-on-terrorism-in-the-service-of-empire-by-zahir-ebrahim-march-24-2010.pdf>

First published on Saturday, March 20, 2010

V

Chapter 11 FBI-Militancy Presentation and Empire

FBI Muslims and Militancy Considerations --- Heads up

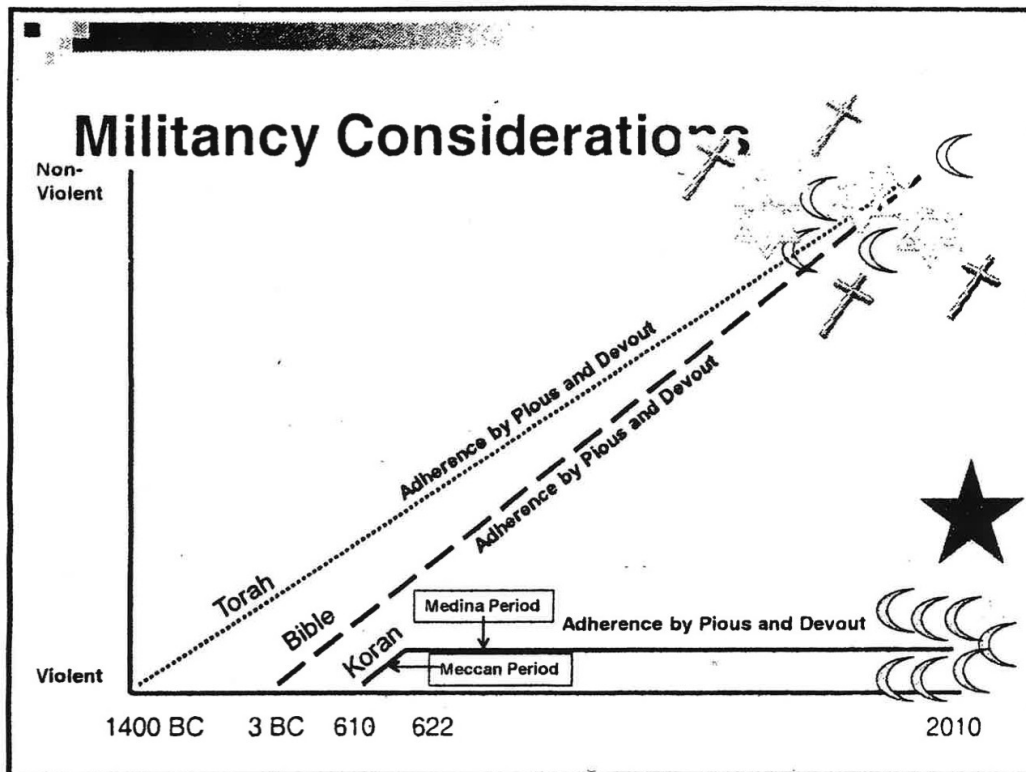
A Public Service Message from Project Humanbeingsfirst.org

Ominous clouds are hovering over the Muslims of the West as they occupy themselves in virtuous mosque-piety behind useful idiots, false leaders and Trojan horses, quite oblivious to the reality around them.

The best among the Muslim institutional leadership can only come up with syntactic sugaring – and this ranges from mosque pulpits to institutional reports to academic pundits selling their consciences on the prayer mat and amidst virtuous Hegelian Dialectic speeches on Islamophobia.

Our institutional corruption spanning the gamut from Mosques to NGOs to the Academy is so widespread that it has become almost invisible and incognizant like the air we breathe --- but it surrounds us no less. This corruption isn't like what most Muslims are used to in the East.

To understand this intellectual corruption which is laden with Faustian pacts of the soul and cradled in Machiavellian omissions to keep the laity perpetual *prisoners of the cave* while the prison walls around us continue to close-in, click on the FBI's agent-education image below:



Caption As reported by Wired on September 14, 2011, an FBI training presentation titled “Militancy Considerations” measures the relationship between piety and violence among the texts of the three Abrahamic faiths [**the god's chosen people obviously coming out on top!!!**] As time goes on, the followers of the Torah and the Bible move from “violent” to “non-violent.” Not so for devotees of the Koran, whose “moderating process has not happened.” The line representing violent behavior from devout Muslims flatlines and continues outward, from 610 A.D. to 2010. In other words, religious Muslims have been and always will be agents of aggression. Watch [FBI Presentation Video](#) artfully Hijacking Islam. See [Islam vs. Secular Humanism and World Government by Zahir Ebrahim](#) for its full implication. ([Image source](#))

The roots of this graph in the FBI presentation are very distinguished and very deep-seated in doctrinal warfare. It is not merely some ad hoc “overreaction” to the “war on terror” against “militant Islam” by an overzealous state security apparatus' training program to keep the Americans safe from terrorists.

For instance, the late Samuel Huntington of Harvard University in his famous ode to reseeding new “*doctrinal motivation*” for the on-going exercise of Anglo-Saxon hegemony over the entire planet titled “The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order”, stated:

“Some Westerners, including [ex] President Bill Clinton, have argued that the West does not have problems with Islam but only with violent Islamist extremists. Fourteen hundred years of history demonstrate otherwise Islam is the only civilization which has put the survival of the West in doubt, and it has done that at least twice.” (pg. 209)

“The underlying problem for the West is not Islamic fundamentalism. It is Islam, a different civilization whose people are convinced of the superiority of their culture and are obsessed with the inferiority of their power. The problem for Islam is not the CIA or the US Department

of Defense. It is the West, a different civilization whose people are convinced of the universality of their culture and believe that their superior, if declining, power imposes on them the obligation to extend that culture throughout the world. These are the basic ingredient that fuel conflict between Islam and the West.” (pg. 217)

“The violent nature of these shifting relationships is reflected in the fact that 50 percent of wars involving pairs of states of different religions between 1820 and 1929 were wars between Muslims and Christians”. (pg. 210)

“In 1990 Bernard Lewis, a leading Western scholar of Islam, analyzed *'The Roots of Muslim Rage,'* and concluded: *'It should now be clear that we are facing a mood and a movement far transcending the level of issues and policies and the governments that pursue them. This is no less than a clash of civilizations – that perhaps irrational but surely historic reaction of an ancient rival against our Judeo-Christian heritage, our secular present, and the worldwide expansion of both. It is crucially important that we on our side should not be provoked into an equally historic but also equally irrational reaction against our rival.'*” (pg. 213)

That “*Judeo-Christian heritage*” and *'The Roots of Muslim Rage,'* is what is captured in the FBI “Militancy Considerations” training graph. Bernard Lewis of Princeton University further reconstituted Huntington's self-serving statistic for the “*basic ingredient that fuel conflict between Islam and the West*” in his post 9/11 ode to defending the West against “*militant Islam*” titled “Crisis of Islam – Holy War and Unholy Terror”:

“... But Islam, like other religions, has also known periods when it inspired in some of its followers a mood of hatred and violence. It is our misfortune that we have to confront part of the Muslim world while it is going through such a period, and when most – though by no means all - of that hatred is directed against us.” (pg. 25)

“Terrorism requires only a few. Obviously the West must defend itself by whatever means will be effective. But in devising means to fight the terrorist, it would surely be useful to understand the forces that drive them.” (pg. xxxii)

That's all that the FBI is doing – implementing Bernard Lewis' prescription. The FBI, like all the rest of the Western states security and war-mongering apparatuses of their vast interlocking military-industrial-academe-media-intelligence complex, are defending the West against the motivations outlined for them by the *god's chosen peoples*:

“For more than a thousand years, Islam provided the only universally acceptable set of rules and principles for the regulation of public and social life. Even during the period of maximum European influence, in the countries ruled or dominated by European imperial powers as well as in those that remained independent, Islamic political notions and attitudes remained a profound and pervasive influence. In recent years there have been many signs that these notions and attitudes may be returning, albeit in modified form, to their previous dominance.” (pg. 13)

But we already knew all about that imminent threat of the Islamofascists trying to take over the West. Since the day FBI knocked on my door in 2003 as the bombing of Iraq was underway to protect the Americans from Sadaam Hussein's WMDs, I knew that by first hand experience.

Which begs the question, why make such information public? The intelligence apparatuses will do what they

are chartered or ordered to be doing – what purpose does such an outright *big lie* depicted in the FBI graph serve by making it public? Never mind the Christian Crusades; never mind Christian Zionism and Talmudic Zionism devastating Palestine to Iraq; never mind the World Wars which saw Christians killing Christians, and Christians killing Jews, all financed by the Jewish Wall Street and the Jewish banksters controlling the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States who sat in on the subsequent so called Peace Conferences to harvest the loot of the Balfour Declaration to orchestrate the Jewish State in Palestine in the name of Torah's god: “*This country exists as the fulfillment of a promise made by God Himself.*” [1] and “*It is true God promised it to us. ... Our God is not theirs.*” [2]; etceteras, who would buy into such an outright big lie in the West today? The majority of its public who 'United We Stand' with absurdities! This includes all the Muslims who stay silent like their Western counterparts, and labor under the same or different misconceptions.

Those who do not understand the psychological basis of doctrinal warfare, fear-mongering, and uncertainty-creation as essential ingredients of psyops and mass persuasion techniques for creating “*revolutionary times*” [3] as the most effective means of changing the lifestyle of an entire people, will never comprehend such matters which are driven entirely from the macro-social calculus of ushering in one-world government. Unless one understands all of that, that the Hard Road to World Order is paved in cold blood, one can neither understand this FBI training modality for its agents, nor the obedience training of Americans at airports. See the detailed Mighty Wurlitzer Report to comprehend its primal DNA. And read the two short articles Convince People of Absurdities and get them Acquiescing to Atrocities: The Enduring Power of Machiavellian Political Science and ‘War on Terror’ is not about ‘Islamofascism’ – Please get with the real agenda you people! to understand how the blossoming tree of “*imperial mobilization*” is being constructed in baby steps using that very DNA of full spectrum psychological warfare and controlled “*revolutionary times*”.

Pick up Huntington's *The Clash of Civilizations*, and Bernard Lewis' *Crisis of Islam*, and read them both in the context and references outlined here and the absurd FBI graph will start making sense. Then pick up Zbigniew Brzezinski's *The Grand Chessboard* and the concept of “*doctrinal motivation*” necessary for “*imperial mobilization*” will start making sense:

“It is also a fact that America is too democratic at home to be autocratic abroad. This limits the use of America's power, especially its capacity for military intimidation. Never before has a populist democracy attained international supremacy. But the pursuit of power is not a goal that commands popular passion, except in conditions of a sudden threat or challenge to the public's sense of domestic well-being. The economic self-denial (that is defense spending), and the human sacrifice (casualties even among professional soldiers) required in the effort are uncongenial to democratic instincts. Democracy is inimical to imperial mobilization.” (pgs. 35-36)

“Moreover, as America becomes an increasingly multicultural society, it may find it more difficult to fashion a consensus on foreign policy issues, except in the circumstance of a truly massive and widely perceived direct external threat. More generally, cultural change in America may also be uncongenial to the sustained exercise abroad of genuinely imperial power. That exercise requires a high degree of doctrinal motivation, intellectual commitment, and patriotic gratification.” (pgs. 211-212)

Compare all that book knowledge with the empirical reality, and Bertrand Russell's 1952 book *The Impact of Science on Society* will start appearing more self-servingly prophetic than Nostradamus:

“There is, it must be confessed, a psychological difficulty about a single world government. The chief source of social cohesion in the past, I repeat, has been war; the passions that inspire a feeling of unity are hate and fear. These depend upon the existence of an enemy, actual or potential. It seems to follow that a world government could only be kept in being by force, not by the spontaneous loyalty that now inspires a nation to war.” (Ch. 2, pg. 37)

Muslims today are victimized twice:

- First by the massa's “imperial mobilization” by way of deception, by dictatorship infliction, by bombardment and “democracy” and “revolution” infliction to bring freedoms from the same dictatorships, not to mention more neo-liberal debt enslavement for rebuilding what's destroyed while bringing neo-cons freedoms.
- And second, by the subversion of our own Uncle Toms who keep us confused and un-enlightened by their shifting amalgams of myths, half-truths, omissions, mis-diagnosis, and red herrings.

Together they target us by total perception management, and thus control our behavior of full servitude by piece-meal conditioning, eventually leading to Pavlovian compliance to their every stimulus. Their dominant narratives is what informs us, cajoles us, frightens us, and that's how we end up 'United We Stand' with the Massa. If they say there is “Islamic terrorism”, we say there is “Islamic terrorism”. If they say 9/11 was the work of “jihadi Muslims”, if they say there is “global warming”, “peak oil”, “swine flu”, this and that global disaster, this and that galactic catastrophe, we not only echo the same, but naturally find ourselves inclined to act in accordance to that implanted fear. If such mantras come anointed with imposing IVY stamp of approval, the Nobel stamp of approval, lofty academic endorsement, so much more we believe in them, to the point that we even permit the state to molest us to keep us safe! The theories of psychological persuasion techniques in text-books exactly match the ground realities. Sounds rather prosaic – but empirically true nevertheless.

This ought not to be surprising --- here is Aldous Huxley prognosticating it in 1962 at University of California-Berkeley:

‘You can do everything with bayonets except sit on them! If you are going to control any population for any length of time you must have some measure of consent. It’s exceedingly difficult to see how pure terrorism can function indefinitely. It can function for a fairly long time, but I think sooner or later you have to bring in an element of persuasion. An element of getting people to consent to what is happening to them. Well, it seems to me that the nature of the Ultimate Revolution with which we are now faced is precisely this: that we are in process of developing a whole series of techniques which will enable the controlling oligarchy who have always existed and presumably always will exist, to get people actually to love their servitude! This is the, it seems to me the ultimate in malevolent revolution shall we say.’ —

Aldous Huxley, 1962 speech at UC Berkeley, minute 04:06

Without our own self-study and due diligence, without skepticism to all that is presented to us, as the targets of villainous perception management and behavior control, we will continue to fall victim to the Uncle Toms who control all our institutions on behalf of the massa.

We have to by-pass our holy and pious chieftains and their institutions and become self-reliant both intellectually and physically, that means in thought as well as in lifestyle away from our pontiffs and chieftains, or else we shall continually be sold down the drain in the guise of their being our illumined

“benefactors” and “peace-makers”. Holy Qur'an verse 2:11 even bears witness to that timeless empiricism --- but Plato predates it in his prescient similitude *Myth of the Cave* in *The Republic* by one thousand years!

Empowering the individual with deep knowledge in overarching contexts to instill deep system insights into the calculus of hegemony, is the only antidote for this full spectrum assault on the human mind which employs sophisticated psychological persuasion techniques of behavior control from cognitive to subliminal. We cannot lay out the parts like a motor mechanic and examine each one in isolation. We have to look at the entire system and understand its overall behavior as a function of its components and what role each plays in that overall system dynamics.

Such comprehension cannot be had in 15-second attention spans we have been weaned on. And nor by sitting like stupid gullible fools in pious or learned gatherings listening to Trojan Horses and other insipid fools and useful idiots planted among us and in our vaunted institutions – both religious and secular, as well in our academies and our governments. And nor can it be acquired by the feeble minded cowards and Uncle Toms who prefer to die many deaths for the pleasure of earning a good word and a paycheck from the *massa*. There is no external cure for Faustian pacts. The cure for that is solely within.

But for the rest more inclined to use an iota of commonsense and a modicum skepticism than stoned belief in authority to examine any matter, this heads-up contains essential knowledge you will not be given either at UC Berkeley, or Harvard, or Princeton, or by a Woodrow Wilson scholar or a Nobel laureate, or by the mercenaries and stooges heading CAIR or MCA, or ISNA, ICNA, AMA, CIA, ISI, MI6, CNN, ABC, NBC, BBC, NYT, and the myriad other alphabet soups throughout the world under the iron grip of the Mighty Wurlitzer. Yet this knowledge is entirely public information, only waiting to be read and studied as containing the master blueprints for the global governance system being built openly. Its success lies in obscurity by design – since no one “respectable” goes there. Just look at the two recent reports emanating from CAIR and American Progress in collaboration with University of California-Berkeley, both belaboring the obviousness of Islamophobia like the autumn leaves, but not disclosing to the public what is made deliberately obscure by their criminal conspiracy of omission. None of them relate matters to the Hard Road to World Order... but they will all be eagerly doing so ex post facto, and awarded Pulitzers and other lofty intellectual anointments for their eruditeness!

It is a crafty red herring and calculated subversion for Muslim institutions (led by glorified Uncle Toms and useful idiots) to protest the fabricated symptoms of the disease while ignoring the root cause of the disease: The Diabolical Hijacking of Islam for Imperial Mobilization by god's chosen peoples!

Now we can finally return to the question asked above to lend some forensic insight into the matter: Why did the FBI make its 'Islamology' presentation public which is entirely drawn from the war-mongering Jews Bernard Lewis', Samuel Huntington's, Zbigniew Brzezinski's et. al.'s decades old craftsmanship for a viable “*doctrinal motivation, intellectual commitment, and patriotic gratification*” to seed the propagandistic explanation for a “*New Pearl Harbor*”, and subsequently sustain “*imperial mobilization*” to its logical conclusion as disclosed above? It further begs the question that for those eloquently condemning it, including Muslim organizations like CAIR, myriad other civil rights and human rights organization including the Senators who Blast FBI Terror-Training ‘Lies’, Senator Joe Lieberman, the bastion of Zionist Jewry in the United States Senate, why is the forensic articulation of what's disclosed here by a mere plebeian so difficult for them to express?

It ain't rocket science – or is it? No, it is only Machiavellian political science!

Think Hegelian Dialectic of Dissent (<http://tinyurl.com/Hegelian-Dialectic-Dissent>) fabricated from bogus lies whose main purpose is to re-justify the core-axioms of empire couched in WWF wrestling, and the fog lifts instantly! One team invents the lies, the other condemns it, and it is orchestrated by the same coterie who come away from it re-emphasizing the core “*doctrinal motivation*”, the threat of “al-Qaida”, at the expense of their own intelligence apparatus which is only following the directives given to it by the State. This is what the most hawkish king of war-mongering neo-con Zionist Jews in the US Senate averred, playing WWF wrestling with his brethren with a chutzpah which only the god's chosen people who have moved *from “violent” to “non-violent”* following their Torah can muster:

“There is no room in America for the lies, propagated by al-Qaida, that the U.S. is at war with Islam, or the lie propagated by others that all Muslims support terrorism,”
Sen. Joe Lieberman, the chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee, told Danger Room.’ WIREd, September 15, 2011

Examine the political science of it all today and not tomorrow when fait accompli of world government will make it a moot point which boogiemans were myth, and which one was factual --- like the disclosure by the New York Times in 2008 of the Pentagon's Message Machine that its retired Generals diabolically led the three ring media circus to enact America's decimation of Iraq under obvious falsehoods. That belated admission after the NYT itself led that three ring circus did not restore to Iraq its shattered tabula rasa with any more chutzpah than the admission by the Iraq Study Group in 2005, mostly populated by the same hectoring hegemony who led the mantra of WMD in the first place including Bernard Lewis, that all the intelligence on Iraq's WMDs were indeed false!

Tomorrow, many of the myths and “*doctrinal motivations*” taken as gospel truths today will similarly be shown to be the output of the Mighty Wurlitzer's message machine with a simple narrative “oops”! This is already presaged in The Report from Iron Mountain where the motivational source for many fear-mongering modern myths can be found. Don't wait until tomorrow when you hear it from your favorite pontiffs and nod your head in that all-knowing state of servitude that has become the pathetic characteristic of Muslims and all the rest of the 'untermenschen' worldwide. Evaluate the many Hegelian Dialectics today, argue these today, challenge your pontiffs today, disrobe and unmask them today, understand the motivations behind their Message Machine today which comes layered in sophisticated political science as the vile mechanics for a system of global governance that is being deceptively ushered in under different guises of fabricated “*revolutionary times*”. This system is being wrought by a people all of whom evidently have multiple Ph.Ds. in deception. The culprits are visible to even the most blind in the saintly FBI graph itself.

And ultimately, if you deem this knowledge not worthy as it still only comes from the lowly pen of a most ordinary plebeian, and not from your favorite pontiff, throw it away.

Thank you.

Zahir Ebrahim

Footnotes

[1] Full quote: “*This country exists as the fulfillment of a promise made by God Himself. It would be*

ridiculous to ask it to account for its legitimacy.” -- Golda Meir, Le Monde, 15 October 1971 ([source](#))

[2] Full quote: *“If I were an Arab leader, I would never sign an agreement with Israel. It is normal; we have taken their country. It is true God promised it to us, but how could that interest them? Our God is not theirs. There has been Anti-Semitism, the Nazis, Hitler, Auschwitz, but was that their fault? They see but one thing: we have come and we have stolen their country. Why would they accept that?”* -- David Ben Gurion – Quoted by Nahum Goldmann in Le Paradoxe Juif (The Jewish Paradox) ([source](#))

[3] Full quote: *“What is inconceivable in normal times is possible in revolutionary times; and if at this time the opportunity is missed and what is possible at such great hours is not carried out – a whole world is lost”* -- David Ben Gurion ([source](#))

Additional References

[1] [Zahir Ebrahim's Letter to Editor: FBI's Islamology September 25, 2011](#)

[2] [Zahir Ebrahim's Response to Chris Hedges' amalgam of half-truths 'A Decade After 9/11: We Are What We Loathe' September 13, 2011](#)

Source URL: <http://faith-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/09/fbi-muslims-and-militancy.html>

First Published September 18, 2011

VI

Chapter 17 The Noble Path: Denying to Caesar what is not Caesar's

Islam: Surah Al-Asr of the Holy Qur'an

Reproduced here is the full recipe of the pithy Surah Al-Asr of the Holy Qur'an for a noble life which is *“not in a state of loss”*.

Notice what's stated and what's omitted in this self-sufficient tiny Surah which evidently requires reflection in inverse proportion to its length.

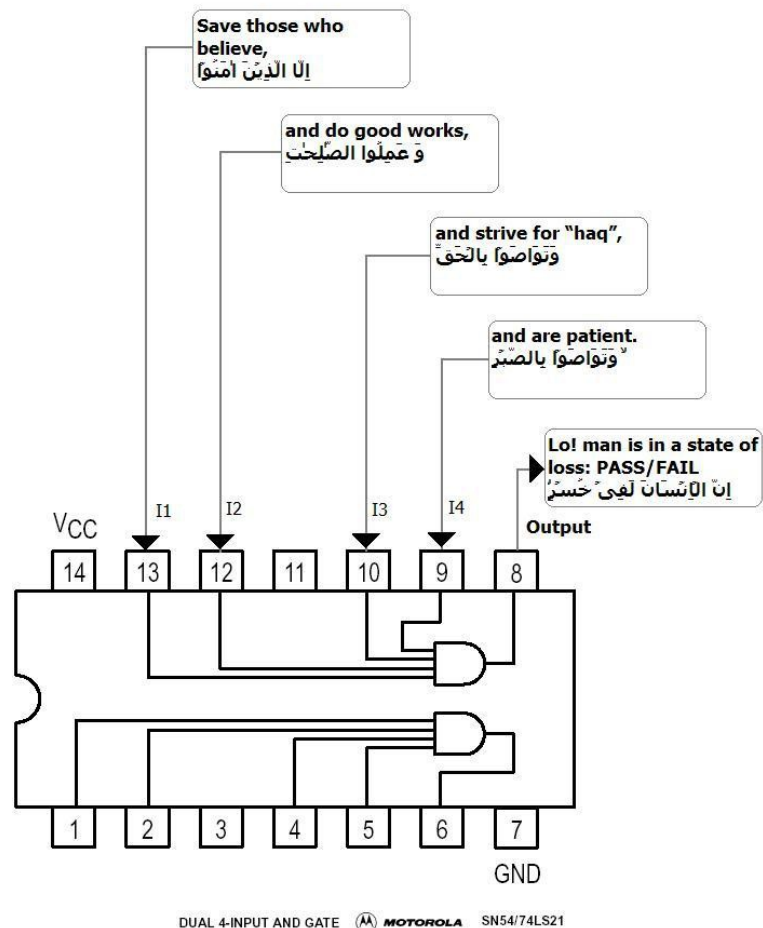
There is no reference to Muslims, or to Islam, or to any particular people or religion.

The Surah is directly addressed to man, “*‘insaan’* (الْإِنْسَان), to every people of all religions, and to people of no religion (the overarching pluralistic context for peoples of different faiths has previously been established in the article: Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization).

The AND Logic of Surah Al-Asr

Truth Table 4 Input AND Gate

I1	I2	I3	I4	Out
1	1	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	0



Caption Islam: The AND Logic of Surah Al-Asr of the Holy Qur'an, Chapter 103

By the declining day, (1)	وَالْعَصْرِ
Lo! man is in a state of loss (2)	إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ
Save those who believe, and do good works, and strive for "haq", and are patient (3)	إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ

Caption Full text of Surah Al-Asr, Chapter 103 of the Holy Qur'an

The logic of the verses 2-3 is the **AND** conjunctive clause. Meaning, a concatenation of conditions joined by the AND clause (Arabic **وَ**).

Every one of the listed conditions in such a statement has to be individually true in order for the overall statement to be true. Otherwise the statement is false.

Being a techie engineer, I have depicted this AND conjunction in electrical engineering parlance in the top figure using a simple electronic device called the AND Gate. One can purchase it for a few cents at Radio Shack. The logic device is made out of a few transistors and implements this AND conjunctive clause function.

The 4-input AND Gate in the diagram captures the logic of Surah Al-Asr verses 2:3 with exact precision. Those more inclined to be “Left-brained” (logic, math, and problem-solving dominated) than “Right-brained” (art, creativity, and language dominated) can perhaps appreciate the import of Surah Al-Asr better in this representation.

Imagine that an LED is attached to the pin labeled **Output** (metaphor for a man's life).

- It glows green (to indicate a life which is not at a loss) only if all four inputs of the AND Gate labeled I1, I2, I3, and I4 are TRUE (represented by a “one” in the truth table). Observe that there is only a single statement in the truth table when the LED is ever green.
- It glows red (to indicate a life which is at a loss) if one or more input is FALSE (represented by the corresponding “zero” in the truth table). Observe that there are fifteen statements in the truth table representing all the remaining permutations for which the LED is red!! The obvious first statement of all zero inputs clearly captures the vile hectoring hegemony of the planet and is of no surprise to anyone. But the remaining fourteen can indeed be very surprising.

Meaning:

- it doesn't matter how many prayers one offered and how many *Hajj* one performed to “believe” (**أَمَّنُوا**);
- or how many hungry mouths one fed, how many hospitals and schools one built, and how honestly one earned one's income and paid one's *zakat* to do “good works” (**عَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ**);
- if one didn't strive to oppose falsehoods and uphold “haq” (**حَقٍّ**), the life, even if otherwise piously and well-lived, is still one of “loss” (**خُسْرٍ**).

I am not making this up. That's what the Holy Qur'an itself states, unequivocally – reflect on it yourself while further recalling the admonishment of the Author of the Book of Reflection:

'That this is indeed a Qur'an Most Honourable, In a Book well-guarded, Which none shall touch but those who are clean: A Revelation from the Lord of the Worlds. **Is it such a Message that ye would hold in light esteem?**' Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Waqia, 56:77-81

Witness that the hardest thing to do in modern life is to stand up to oppression and tyranny (**وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ**). And also to be patient in adversity when one is experiencing the jackboots of the new Nazis upon one's neck (**وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ**).

Whereas the easiest thing to do is to sit in a mosque, and/or to feed the hungry in atonement of a guilty conscience.

We already see what the pious Muslims worldwide tend to excel in. We pay our *zakat*, *khums*, *fitra* (religiously mandated donations) on time, pray our *namaz* on time, and keep our *fasts* on time. Aspire to go for *Hajj* at least once, while the privileged take great pride in performing it repeatedly. Many among the oppressed are also incredibly patient in affliction. Indeed, we are so patient that we oft proclaim “*Allah chala raha hai*” (God is running the world), “*Allah malik hai*” (God is our provider), and often cry ourselves to sleep with utmost *sabr* (patience), repeating to ourselves with quivering lips and glistening eyes: “*hasbun allahu wa naimal wakeel*” (Allah is sufficient for us and most excellent is the Protector Arabic: حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-e-Imran 3:173).

According to the testimony of Surah Al-Asr, take it any which you want, the fact remains that most of us are still in حُسْرٍ unless we stand up to oppression and unequivocally affirm حَقَّ to the best of our capacities. Silence and acquiescence to tyranny seems to be the antithesis to وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ. That seems to be the *modus vivendi* of the majority of Muslims today.

The crafting of that antithesis evidently has also come about courtesy of the imperial scholars subverting the meaning of the religion of Islam in the service of tyrants and kings throughout the ages, modernity being no exception. Language being its first corrupter. Thus, وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ has been reduced to some nonsensical gibberish by the pious turbaned man on the pulpit to mean: just talk about it with utmost earnestness while occupying oneself in the mosque and in عَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ. The *ullema* (plural for the Muslim man on the pulpit) today, as yesterday, selectively focus people's attention with verses from the Holy Qur'an that exhort people to *good works* and *belief* promising a pleasing *Hereafter* (e.g. Surah Al Baqara 2:25) to mask their crafty omissions in service of empire. Keeping the masses occupied in rituals and salvation, and “**rendering unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's,**” is not merely a Biblical saying (Matthew 22:21). That semantics has existed from time immemorial. Its biggest harbingers have always been the man on the pulpit.

Witness the 600-page one-sided Fatwa on Terrorism by the vaunted “scholar of Islam”, the posterboy of “moderate Islam” who issued a jurist's proclamation (*Fatwa*) against the terrorism of the pirates (see <http://tinyurl.com/Fabricating-Pirates>) but not the emperor's. For services rendered to empire, the *house nigger* (see Faq: What is a house nigger) soon found a place-setting at the *massa's* table. As previously examined in Islam vs. Secular Humanism and World Government, the religion of Islam was hijacked from its very early days to service “empire” - Muslims' own. Nothing has principally changed today except for the color of the imperial flag.

Liberating the meaning of the religion of Islam, the *Deen-ul-Haq* (religion of حَقَّ) from the clutches of the so called scholars and jurists among Muslims is only as difficult as the uncongeniality of pondering the message of the Holy Qur'an directly, with one's own head and commonsense, rather than merely mouthing its melodic and soothing words which no doubt are magic to the soul.

To strive for “*haq*” (وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ) requires no man's sanction – when Allah Itself has sanctioned it for every individual man and woman (إِنْسَانًا) in creation.

That is the momentous import of Surah Al-Asr – that tiniest Surah of the Holy Qur'an comprising a mere 27 words (as counted for the English translation used here). Its utility as a rallying call for denying to Caesar the things which are not Caesar's, for affirming to God what is God's, and to man what is man's, remains unsurpassed.

But at the end of the day, only Allah is also the final Judge of the extent to which we each did our own due diligence to Allah's Eloquence given our respective trials and tribulations, our bounties and blessings, **on all**

four criterion for a life which only It shall Deem as *“not in a state of loss”!*

Q.E.D.

The holy month of Ramadan, a joyous month of fasting and reflection, commences tomorrow (or the day after) worldwide for 1.6 billion Muslims. Perhaps while rushing to “finish” the recitation of the Holy Qur'an in this month for nourishing the starved soul, the hunger in the stomach from not eating all day will be matched with a hunger in the intellect from not thinking at all.

Ramadan Mubarik.

Zahir Ebrahim

Project Humanbeingsfirst.org

Sunday, July 31, 2011

Short URL: <http://tinyurl.com/Surah-Asr-Tafsir>

Source URL: <http://faith-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/07/islam-surah-al-asr-of-holy-quran.html>

VII

Chapter 18 The Ignoble Path: Long Road To Secular Humanism

Islam vs. Secular Humanism and World Government

Zahir Ebrahim's Letter to Muslims: Is Islam really the Last Obstruction to World Government and Absolute Scientific Global Dictatorship?

Please read the article “Thought police muscle up in Britain” by Hal G. P. Colebatch which appeared in *The Australian* on April 21, 2009, in conjunction with watching these revealing videos:

- Brian Gerrish's talk from the *2009 Lawful Rebellion Conference*, and the *2009 Wakeup Call Conference* in the UK: <http://tpuc.org/node/564>,
- American documentary by William Lewis *One Nation Under Siege*: <http://undersiegemovie.com>.

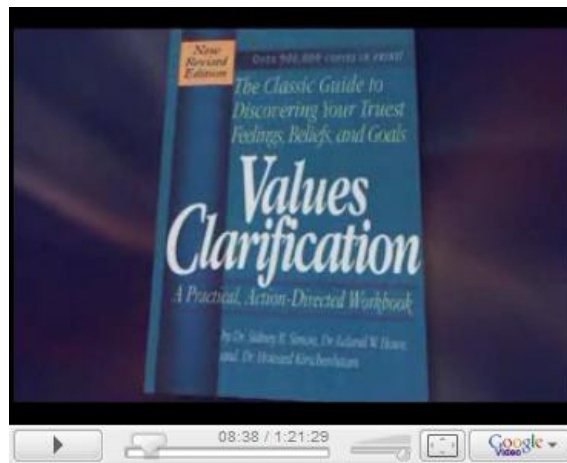
And connect with the impetus towards the introduction of Secular Humanism as the “religion” of the New World Order!



[<http://www.bbc5.tv/eyeplayer/video/brian-gerrish-state-nation>]



[<http://www.bbc5.tv/eyeplayer/video/brian-gerrish-exposing-common-purpose>]



[youtube.com/watch?v=iXjEW2etAVM]

To understand what Secular Humanism really means in practice, please watch the cited videos. To understand its philosophical underpinnings, please read my article **“Morality derived from the Intellect leads to Enslavement!”** permanently linked to with this photograph:



Caption: Secular Humanism is the Moral Relativism of the New Age: Morality derived from Intellect leads to Barbarianism and Enslavement under the false pretense of Enlightenment!

These documentaries reveal a concerted effort to subvert Theism, mainly Islam and Christianity respectively. Since this letter is addressed to Muslims, its focus is on Islam. However, a universal truth which applies to all Theism regardless of religion, and which appears to be a major impediment to the nihilism of the New World Order, is that only Theism teaches man in absolute moral codes how to overcome self-interests for higher moral cause; only Theism teaches man how to break his bonds of servitude to fellow man. And that is why the genuine practice of Theism and its absolute morality poses a real impediment to Secular Humanism and World Government which depend on moral relativism to promulgate their nihilistic agenda for the New Age.

As noted by Brian Gerrish in his *Lawful Rebellion* talk, all other major religious and ethnic populations in the West have become so secularized in the Western culture that only Islam today remains the effective impediment in its path – even though it is not much of one, as seen by the subversion of the Muslims and their religion! I quite agree with this introduction chapter by David Livingstone of the book **“Surrendering Islam – The subversion of Muslim politics throughout history until the present day”**: <http://surrenderingislam.com/surrendering-islam/surrendering-islam>.

What Livingstone has perhaps missed in his zeal (I haven't read his entire book), but which does not change his point about the subversion of Islam today made in that chapter, is that the subversion of Islam historically was started the day of 'Fatah Mecca' (and not just by the British creating sects through Machiavellian infiltrations). A dispassionate non-partisan study of recorded history itself shows that Islam was viewed differently by different peoples, many of whom converted overnight to the new religion of Arabia after a lifetime of opposition to it. As one critically examines the most momentous of times in the early days of Islam in the

immediate aftermath of the death of its Prophet, even when one glosses over the first 25 years of tumultuous ad hoc political successions and rapid expansion of territories through their own *la mission civilisatrice*, the first dynastic imperial empire was really seeded by Abu Suffian. The mighty trader and leader of the Meccans, and the Prophet of Islam's greatest antagonist, Abu Suffian, standing next to Ibn Abbas (the Prophet's relative), on the mountains surrounding Mecca on the night of '*Fatah Mecca*' – following the conquest of Mecca without bloodshed, and the Prophet's blanket proclamation of full pardon without seeking any retribution for the ten years of imposed military warfare by the Meccans upon the Muslims – and watching the vast field of thousands of bonfires dotting the Muslim tents in the valley below, realized that Islam potentially meant a lucrative “empire”, and told Ibn Abbas so!

Moral codes in Theism are indeed encased in the absolute ***semantic strait-jacket*** so feared by all tyrants across space and time and therefore, remain forever under attack and subversion. Islam, like all Theistic religions, has already answered the question of bondage to fellow man in showing the way to its effective severing. It is even part of the cryptic formula, the *Kalima*, recited by the adherent daily, without evidently understanding any of it: “*La ilaha ilallah*” (Arabic: لا إله إلا الله) – “*there is no god but God*”.

Islam's clear prescription of bowing in servitude only to the One God of Truth is completely pre-conditioned upon **first** breaking the bonds of servitude to all other gods of falsehoods. A simple substitution of “God” with “Truth”, and “god” with “falsehoods” including the worship of “self-interests” and “society's gods” in the above daily declaration of faith makes the all encompassing import of *Kalima* self-evident. The logic of that declaration itself mandates this mental substitution in the proclamation of *Monotheism* in order to prevent it from degenerating into an absurdity.

Islam, for its followers, is anything but an absurdity. And yet, their facile understanding of it directly reduces their practice of their lofty proclamation of *Monotheism* to the absurdity of polytheism. Silence and apathy in the face of the ubiquitous spread of oppression and falsehoods in our time, is akin to directly bowing in servitude before the gods of tyranny. That silence and co-option permits tyranny to spread unchecked becoming its de facto first-cause enabler! Islam calls the allegiance to another *superpower*, or bowing in servitude before other gods and idols, *polytheism*. The abode of polytheists, the Holy Qur'an oft proclaims, is *Jahanam*.

From Abu Suffian, the harbinger of ill-begotten Muslim dynastic empires, to Bernard Lewis, the harbinger of fabricated “*clash of civilizations*”, spanning the gamut of those 14 centuries and with all the Muslim empires which David Livingstone glorifyingly mentions in-between, they all corrupted the Holy Qur'an's designated “*straight-path*” of guidance in Islam, the “*sirat-e-mustaqeem*” of *Surah Fatiha*, into “empire” – one way or another.

In today's modernity, Islam is principally subverted in the same mold by introducing “***beneficial cognitive diversity***” (sic!) into that original singular formulation of “*straight-path*”. See Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization for details on how exactly it is accomplished today.

The sophistication of Islam's subversion however that is evidently running circles around the Muslim mind today, relies in the employment of complex political theory called Hegelian Dialectic:

invent two or more opposing and polarized ideologies (or lies), say one entirely militant, and the other entirely spiritual, and get them to clash by forcing people to choose between them while perniciously harvesting each one in the greater service of “*imperial mobilization*”. This is the underlying philosophy in the “good Muslim” vs. “bad Muslim” dialectic, and in Presidential statements like “*either you are with us, or you are with the*

terrorists". The conflict that is naturally seeded in any clash of the opposites is an opportunity for *birth-panging* something far greater from the burnt ashes left behind. Tortuous processes so unleashed upon the unsuspecting public can leave so much confusion and chaos in its wake that as David Ben Gurion had explained the purpose of seeding controlled chaos: ***"what is inconceivable in normal times is possible in revolutionary times"***. And the Council on Foreign Relations proposed exactly that same modus operandi to seed world government:

'In short, the 'house of world order' will have to be built from the bottom up, rather than from the top down. It will look like a great '*booming, buzzing confusion*' to use William James' famous description of reality, but an end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece will accomplish much more than the old-fashioned frontal assault.'

Watch the fabrication of the Hegelian Dialectic of "militant Islam" vs. "moderate Islam" in the following two videos. Both are officially sponsored by the ruling establishment of the Hectoring Hegemons. These promulgate their respective asininity among the Muslims for a purpose so diabolical that it can only be fully comprehended in the domains of political theory, game theory, employing dynamic systems analysis, and not by studying each component separately.

'God is on your side'



[youtube=<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WaiJtLrEwVU>]

The face of "moderate Islam"



Caption Video Face of “*moderate Islam*” featuring Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri, the “*Ambassador of Peace*”.
An even more entertaining version of Daniel Pipe's choice for “*moderate Islam*” with its leader*
basking in the adulation of his prostrating fans, is here (search)

This sophisticated Machiavelli is primarily the reason most Muslims, while knowing that there is something wrong with the 'War on Terror' in that the way the UK-US-EU axis of evil is going about it only creates more terror, remain perpetually confused by what is it that the West really wants when it arbitrarily seems to support opposites simultaneously. Inextricably caught between suicide bombers and F-16s, and between neo-colonialism and struggle for daily bread, most clutch at every strawman spun by any detracting snake-oil salesman in town. Thus we see the proliferation of conspiracy theories and plausible sounding false explanations with the concomitant “*beneficial cognitive diversity*” which these naturally engender, many of them deliberately created as red herrings (see Anatomy of Conspiracy Theory). And our learned scholars, news media, politicians, et. al., have all been so co-opted that they willingly lead the *Newspeak* chorus of 'war on terror', taliban, al-qaeda song and dance routine as the House Negroes of the West. Our best minds have turned *Native Informant*. So who is left to explain Realityspeak to the Muslims?

As any knowledgeable person – who is not entirely deprived of mental acuity to have largely become a glorified parrot of history, often with imposing titles stamped upon his turban to lend respectability before the masses – would straightforwardly know, there are no empire’s in the religion of Islam itself. Or, for that matter in any Theistic religion that is intended to be a *way of life* for ordinary peoples. Only ‘religions’ of the elite have empires. Interestingly, one can trivially spot the subversion of any religion by simply observing the stances of its pontiffs to the powers under which they flourish. This is true of the religion of both the Christian and Muslim peoples throughout the ages. The subversion of Theistic theologies to support empire is empirical.

Find a word for “empire” for me in the Holy Qur’an as a commandment to seek it – as distinct from finding it in the history of the despotic Muslim rulers who did indeed build vast dynastic empires with the help of their own doctrinal scholars, from historians to narrators, no different than has been done since time immemorial. There is no basis for such dynastic imperialism in the Holy Qur’an. Indeed, Muslim civilizations, its arts, letters, and sciences, all flourished during those first 700 years after the Prophet of Islam. And these dominant Muslim civilizations also defined the “modernity” of their epoch. But so have many other civilizations of history including the present modernity of the Americans – the Classical Greeks arguably flourished even more than the Muslims, and for a lot longer period. But what does that have to do with a religion? The Muslim rulers of all these Muslim empires espoused as much moral gravitas as any other preceding or succeeding

rulers in recorded history, ancient and modern. Who can deny that? The empirical fact that these Muslim empires were long running family dynasties acquired by bloodshed, and often maintained and perpetuated by the same sort of intrigues and bloodshed as Shakespeare's Henry the whatever, is not hidden from anyone, except perhaps the Muslims.

Whereas, Islam defines itself rather precisely in the Holy Qur'an, and it is entirely about moral existence along a divinely defined path – the “*sirat-e-mustaqeem*” noted in its very first Chapter. Islam's unequivocally stated aim is to give mankind the free-will of elevating itself to “*Ashraf-ul-Makhlooq-aat*” – the best among all creations – while fully engaged in the vicissitudes of this life as commanded in its *Surah Asr*. And furthermore, to also be equally free to go the converse route, be the worst of all creations. The twain, Islam the religion, and Muslims (with their concomitant histories, narratives, cultures, civilizations, and good and evil choices throughout history which has ultimately led us to our present), are not the same thing. Only Bernard Lewis is confused about it. He even opens his formidable thesis titled: “**Crisis of Islam – Holy War and UnHoly Terror**”, redefining “Islam” in precisely that way (which evidently has also confused David Livingstone like many other Muslims):

'It is difficult to generalize about Islam. To begin with, the word itself is commonly used with two related but distinct meanings, as the equivalents both of Christianity, and Christendom. In the one sense, it denotes a religion, as system of beliefs and worship; in the other, the civilization that grew up and flourished under the aegis of that religion. The word Islam thus denotes more than fourteen centuries of history, a billion and a third people, and a religious and cultural tradition of enormous diversity.' (page 1, Bernard Lewis, Crisis of Islam)

See my exact deconstruction of that Machiavellian definition of “Islam” in Behavior Control: Architecture of Modern Propaganda. Suffice it to note here that the Holy Qur'an has given a very precise meaning to the word “Islam” to exclusively designate a divine religion, a “deen” (الإِسْلَامَ دِينًا), and not a civilization, not a people (for which a separate word “Muslim” is used in the Holy Qur'an), and not an empire (for which there is no word in the Holy Qur'an):

'This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favor on you and chosen for you Islam as a religion;' (Arabic أَلْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Maida 5:3)

As corrupted, subservient, powerless, and mentally colonized the two billion Muslims are today despite our vast piety and full mosques, and as convoluted and tortuous the understanding of Islam and what passes as its history has become, **still, according to Brian Gerrish in his aforementioned video, Islam and Muslims are evidently the single biggest social impediment to Secular Humanism!!**

In other words, Islam is the last wall to breach in order to usher in the full 1984-like Orwellian New World Order, and all the details of enslavement which it portends, including, the elimination of religion, of family, and the big-Brother State birthing and owning the kids and raising them according to the new precepts of Secular Humanism. (See What's the truth about modern medicine?)

Hollywood movies like Logan's Run and Aldous Huxley's fable A Brave New World, while offering fun futuristic entertainment to the masses, have also been psychologically priming the Western public to this state of voluntary servitude wherein, a combination of Orwellian-Huxleyan worlds coupled with full mind-body control and total social engineering will simply make human revolt against the communist-style regimentation

of the oligarchy as unthinkable as the revolt of sheep against the habit of mutton eating! That phraseology is borrowed from Bertrand Russell. Aldous Huxley had (perhaps self-servingly) observed in his talk at UC Berkeley in 1961, that eliciting such voluntary compliance from the plebes has remained the focus of all social engineering throughout the ages, ***“to get people actually to love their servitude”*** in what could only be called the ***“ultimate in malevolent revolution”***:

'Today, we are faced, I think, with the approach of what may be called the ultimate revolution. The final revolution where man can act directly on the mind-body of his fellows. Well needless to say, some kind of direct action on human mind-bodies has been going on since the beginning of time. But this has generally been of a violent nature.

The techniques of terrorism have been known from time immemorial and people have employed them with more or less ingenuity, sometimes with the utmost crudity, sometimes with a good deal of skill acquired by a process of trial and error, finding out what the best ways of using torture, imprisonment, constraints of various kinds.

But, as, I think it was Mettenif, said many years ago, you can do everything with bayonets except sit on them! If you are going to control any population for any length of time you must have some measure of consent. It's exceedingly difficult to see how pure terrorism can function indefinitely. It can function for a fairly long time, but I think sooner or later you have to bring in an element of persuasion. An element of getting people to consent to what is happening to them.

Well, it seems to me that the nature of the Ultimate Revolution with which we are now faced is precisely this: that we are in process of developing a whole series of techniques which will enable the controlling oligarchy who have always existed and presumably always will exist, ***to get people actually to love their servitude!***

This is the, it seems to me, the ultimate in malevolent revolution shall we say.' (Aldous Huxley, 1961 UC Berkeley, minutes 3:05 to 5:17, transcribed by Project Humanbeingsfirst <http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/VideoTest/hux1.ram>)

What empirically stands in the path of fully realizing that state of affairs today?

The 1984 style thought control paradigm being enacted in the US--UK is portentous of what's to come to all of Western civilization as a very visible force – its signs are already visible all around us, thus far only disguised as the “war on terror” – see this article “[War on Terror is not about Islamofascism – get with the agenda you people](#)”, for how it is perniciously making its way into the very fabric of American and European society where the “terrorists” now “[look Western](#)”. And with this [Times Square bombing plot](#), I just heard Retired General Michael Hayden, the terrorist “[tickling](#)” specialist as the former director of the CIA and now with the Chertoff group selling all those body-scanners to the United States, on [MSNBC describing the new Al-Qaeda threat](#), and soon new laws will be enacted or enforced to deal with those. Already we are being conditioned to obey orders by forcing us to take our shoes off at airports, and compelling us to exhibit our anatomical perfections to the perps manning the FAST scanners. Hollywood entertainment in “[Total Recall](#)” had presaged full body scanners at airports with people going through them without a second thought a full two decades ago. And we are doing exactly that today. The [RFID implants](#) are next. Zbigniew Brzezinski, like his intellectual confrere Aldous Huxley before him, had also predicted with matching chutzpah in his seminal 1970 book *Between Two Ages : America's Role in the Technetronic Era*, that:

'In the technetronic society scientific and technical knowledge, in addition to enhancing production capabilities, quickly spills over to affect almost all aspects of life directly. Accordingly, both the growing capacity for the instant calculation of the most complex interactions and the increasing availability of biochemical means of human control augment the potential scope of consciously chosen direction, and thereby also the pressures to direct, to choose, and to change.

Reliance on these new techniques of calculation and communication enhances the social importance of human intelligence and the immediate relevance of learning. The need to integrate social change is heightened by the increased ability to decipher the patterns of change; this in turn increases the significance of basic assumptions concerning the nature of man and the desirability of one or another form of social organization. Science thereby intensifies rather than diminishes the relevance of values, but it demands that they be cast in terms that go beyond the more crude ideologies of the industrial age.' (page 10)

This re-casting of values that “*go beyond the more crude ideologies of the industrial age*” with “*biochemical means of human control [which] augment the potential scope of consciously chosen direction*,” is the incontrovertible flag of scientific totalitarianism we see rapidly being unfurled today. While much less biochemical in its present state of deployment than in Aldous Huxley's narrative (but not for the want of it, for example see [RFID Implants](#)), it is no less coercive than in George Orwell's narrative. Brzezinski went on to prognosticate the “*trend*” in his book, and mind you with a foresight so uncannily accurate that he could only have been sitting at the same oligarchic dinner tables when the future that is already here today, was being planned into existence:

'In the technetronic society the trend seems to be toward aggregating the individual support of millions of unorganized citizens, who are easily within the reach of magnetic and attractive personalities, and effectively exploiting the latest communication techniques to manipulate emotions and control reason.

Reliance on television—and hence the tendency to replace language with imagery, which is international rather than national, and to include war coverage or scenes of hunger in places as distant as, for example, India—creates a somewhat more cosmopolitan, though highly impressionistic, involvement in global affairs.' (page 11)

'Life seems to lack cohesion as environment rapidly alters and human beings become increasingly manipulable and malleable. Everything seems more transitory and temporary: external reality more fluid than solid, the human being more synthetic than authentic. Even our senses perceive an entirely novel “reality”—one of our own making but nevertheless, in terms of our sensations, quite “real.”

More important, there is already widespread concern about the possibility of biological and chemical tampering with what has until now been considered the immutable essence of man. Human conduct, some argue, can be predetermined and subjected to deliberate control. Man is increasingly acquiring the capacity to determine the sex of his children, to affect through drugs the extent of their intelligence, and to modify and control their personalities. Speaking of a future at most only decades away, an experimenter in intelligence control asserted, “I foresee the time when we shall have the means and therefore, inevitably, the temptation to manipulate

the behaviour and intellectual functioning of all the people through environmental and biochemical manipulation of the brain.” (page 12)

'Another threat, less overt but no less basic, confronts liberal democracy. More directly linked to the impact of technology, it involves the gradual appearance of a more controlled and directed society. Such a society would be dominated by an elite whose claim to political power would rest on allegedly superior scientific know-how.

Unhindered by the restraints of traditional liberal values, this elite would not hesitate to achieve its political ends by using the latest modern techniques for influencing public behavior and keeping society under close surveillance and control.' (page 97)

Zbigniew Brzezinski's elite have already embarked on achieving their political end *“by using the latest modern techniques for influencing public behavior and keeping society under close surveillance and control”* as witnessed today. The culmination of this path of engineered social control, the *“tampering with what has until now been considered the immutable essence of man”* – a tortuous combination of Orwellian and Brave New World in which *“Human conduct [is] predetermined and subjected to deliberate control”* – will hit the West the hardest. They were the most used to living in free societies, and thus, by the necessity of management of the masses by the controlling oligarchy, had been given the illusions of freedom more than us in the East where we were long conditioned to god, kings, and dictators. As Goethe had observed: *“None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free”*. I do believe that mentally, as colonized the East has been physically, it is has been far freer than the West. In the East, we don't trust our elite, nor our government. In the West, most even refuse to believe that there is even an elite which runs their elected governments, and the vast majority “United We Stand” as is evident from 911.

The Orwellian-Huxleyan social engineering presently in the works takes away even those freedoms and those illusions – because, the West is headed towards full-spectrum dominance, but not just of the world, but of its peoples. I.e., totalitarianism the likes of which have not been seen in history. The East is not targeted for such mind-controlled totalitarianism, because, for one thing it is difficult to implement. We are too backwards as a scientifically controlled modernity. But not to fear, we are a direct target of population reduction and all the rest of Malthusian crap. See my deconstruction of NSSM-200, and Bertrand Russell's “Impact of Science on Society”. But, as is the truism of life, we all have to go some day of course. So, arguably, at least let's live with a mind that isn't enslaved, even though the body may be in chains and under the constant threat of physical “shock and awe” from both the pirate suicide bombers working for the emperor as patsies, and the emperor's drones once again bringing us the *white man's burden*, its renewed *la mission civilisatrice*.

The only place left today to seek to make a home to raise one's family, appears to be back in the East – yes, where we are under constant “shock and awe”. The psychological attacks and sophisticated social engineering transpiring in the West, coupled with its scientific modernity, make surviving outside the “matrix” of thought control a rather challenging if not outright impossible task in the West. Crazy, isn't it? But crazy or not, choosing lesser of two evils has become part of the calculus of life's decision making – whatever the decision. Only fools and ignoramuses will ignore these parameters though – for ignorance is surely bliss. Taking the “blue pill” does have its rewards.

This potential obstruction to the elite's **religion of Secular Humanism** for their world government posed by Islam as a Theistic religion, and by ordinary practicing Muslims just living their ordinary family lives, is an entirely different and orthogonal dimension from the hectoring hegemon's harnessing of “militant Islam” and

“moderate Islam” described above.

Before hearing Brian Gerrish's evidence last year and reflecting upon the matter ever since, I did not really believe Islam, the last of the great Theistic religions, to be anything other than a diabolical instrument of hegemony in the minds of hectoring hegemony in the pre and post 9/11 world – just like Communism of the USSR was before it was dismantled. Something they brilliantly subverted to create a boogiemer for seeding “*doctrinal motivation, intellectual commitment, and patriotic gratification*” in order to sustain “*Imperial mobilization*” on Zbigniew Brzezinski's *Grand Chessboard*. But something they had only utter contempt for.

Evidently, they also find Islam to be a genuine impediment to achieving their ultimate agenda of Secular Humanism. An impediment reaching outside of their direct ability to eliminate or even control. An empire in its own statecraft of hegemony never holds genuine impediments to its primacy ever in contempt. Rather, it always deals with them as a real enemy to subdue and dominate with “*military-style objectivity*” and “*avoidance of preconceived value assumptions*”. That amoral phraseology is from the *Report from Iron Mountain*. The myriad Pentagon and think-tank documents such as the *Joint Vision 2020* and *PNAC* which blithely strategize for “*full spectrum dominance*”, afford a glimpse into that primacy mindset.

Incredible! Muslims today, despite our pathetic servile condition slaving under the yoke of both mental and physical colonization, still potentially have something that is perceived as a real obstruction by the hectoring hegemony in their nihilist calculus of world government.

That alone is an excitement I cannot contain! I have something they can't control nor take away from me if I don't let them. Indeed, the pithy *Surah Al-Asr* of Islam, is perhaps the most potent political-spiritual weapon system in the Muslim possession if we can only learn to use it effectively. It can straightforwardly achieve what Etienne de La Boétie could not bring about in his “The Politics of Obedience: The Discourse of Voluntary Servitude”!

Islam's prescription to end man's voluntary servitude to tyranny, one which escaped Etienne de La Boétie's commonsensical Discourse, is *Jihad-un-nafs*. Contrary to what many are led to believe as just an “inner struggle” with no outward manifestation, its true import is nothing less than revolutionary. Jihad-un-nafs principally directs us in our inner struggles to break our bonds of servitude to fellow man, to overcome our fears, apathy, and silence. It is the reservoir from which saying 'No' to the *banality of evil* springs from. Jihad-un-nafs enables us to deny our own petty as well as existential self-interests when they conflict with morality and 'higher purpose'. For, it is only self-interests that trump morality which co-opt us and perpetually enslave us to any tyrant. Once such inner-struggle is underway, when fears and allegiances to falsehoods start melting away, when determination sets in which no denigrating labels may circumvent, when the fear of the loss of paycheck or confinement to state hospitality centers can no longer preempt moral stance, then, and only then, doors automatically open up, feet automatically start marching in the streets, mouths automatically come unstitched, and in the limit, one fearlessly stands-up before the D9-Caterpillar bulldozer like Rachel Corrie, and before the armies of tyrants like David before Goliath, Hussein before Yazeed, Rosa Parks before KKK, Viva Palestina before Israel, As the late George Bernard Shaw had wisely observed: “*We are made wise not by the recollections of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.*” That responsibility becomes easier to shoulder when our self-interests can no longer trump our moral callings.

Pious peoples continually ask me what can they do as the justification for their silence and apathy. As consummate victims of the *banality of evil*, evidently they are so saddled with self-interests that they either pretend to not see the clear path as they rather stay busy in their various ritual acts of seeking *Heaven* instead

of stand-up to wrong-doings, or, suffer from a myopia characteristic of self-absorption and/or indoctrination. Well, *Heaven*, if there is one in the future, is surely denied to those who help create hell on earth today – for, evil only flourishes when well-intentioned people remain silent spectators and do nothing to stop it. Often times they even directly collaborate in it as part of their daily grind, collectively culminating in horrendous evils – *the banality of evil!* Jewish scholar Hannah Arendt had already explored that aspect of it in copious detail in the context of the Third Reich in 1963. Just two score years later, I too had dwelled upon it in my very first piece of public writing in the context of the Fourth one. For our purposes here however, let's briefly examine this idea of apathy logically within the Theistic beliefs of the Muslims themselves. I have examined indoctrination and the reigning twisted epistemology which blinds one to it elsewhere.

Do pious Muslims filling their mosques in relative comforts while humanity everywhere is oppressed at the altar of the lusts of the Hectoring Hegemons, think that *Jahanam* will be the abode of only the few tyrants and their soldiers of fame and fortune who directly inflicted the evils? That their own souls are spotless since they stayed busy in ritual piety *waiting for Allah*?

If it is true that tyrants flourish only with the assistance of the majority who silently comply, and empiricism and history both lend substantial evidence to this view (Etienne de La Boétie almost 500 years ago gave a compelling description of it in his Discourse cited above), then, it logically follows that the first-cause enablers of tyranny and its spread throughout the lands is the silently spectating apathy of the peoples! Those who enable crimes are no less culpable than those who commit crimes.

The inescapable logic of this condemns the first-causers to be the backbone fuel of the very inferno they so wish to escape with their obsession with ritual piety while Creation burns. If the god whom pious Muslims worship is a rational god, then this must be true – for, only in courageously rising to break the bonds of servitude to fellow man is Islam's "*Ashraf-ul-Makhlooq-aat*" birth-panged into existence. If however, their god is irrational, as many learned scholars proclaim when they attribute arbitrariness to god's justice due to its self-proclaimed omnipotence, then is such a god anything more than Zeus, the anthropomorphic god of ancient Greece? Why fall in prostration to Zeus 5 times each day?

Even Nuremberg, as fallible as that Military Tribunal was in its administration of 'victor's justice', focussed on the first-cause (self-servingly) ignoring the Allied bombings of civilian population centers and dropping of atomic bombs. Nuremberg called the Nazi aggression the first-cause of war, "***the supreme international crime differing only from other war crimes in that it contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole.***"

When the first-cause is always held more culpable even in our fallible courts on earth, do Muslims think that in the Court of the *Most Just* the first-cause enablers will get a free-ride?

Many thinking Muslims presume that the god they worship is absolute in its *Justice*. Otherwise, they feel that the whole notion of *Accountability* on the *Day of Judgment* in the *Hereafter* becomes meaningless gibberish, devoid of substance. Indeed, were that not the case, God's Justice would be reduced to the whimsical moral relativism that is already being thrust upon us in these times as propositioned by a US Supreme Court Justice:

'Nothing is more certain in modern society than the principle that there are no absolutes, that a name, a phrases, a standard has meaning only when associated with the considerations which give birth to nomenclature. To those who would paralyze our Government in the face of impending threat by encasing it in a semantic strait-jacket, we must reply that all concepts are relative.' Justice Vinson, U.S. Supreme Court, 1951

Iqbal's Poem from Zarb-E-Kaleem explains "there is no god but God"

خودي کا سر نہاں لا الہ الا اللہ
خودي بے تیغ، فساں لا الہ الا اللہ

Khudi ka sirr-e-nihaaN La ilaha il Allah
khudi hai tegh-e-fasaaN La ilaha il Allah

The secret of the Self is hid, In words "No god but He alone".
The Self is just a dull-edged sword, "No god but He," the grinding stone.

یہ دور اپنے براہیم کی تلاش میں ہے
صنم کدہ ہے جہاں، لا الہ الا اللہ

Yeh daur apne 'Brahmeem ki talaash mein hai
Sanam-kadah hai jahaaN La ilaha il Allah

An Abraham by the age is sought To break the idols of this Hall:
The avowal of God's Oneness can Make all these idols headlong fall.

کیا ہے تو نے متاع غرور کا سودا
فریب سود و زیاں، لا الہ الا اللہ

Kiya hai tu ne mataa'-e-gharoor ka sauda
fareb-e-sood-o-ziyaaN ! La ilaha il Allah

A bargain you have struck for goods Of life, a step, that smacks conceit,
All save the Call "No god but He" Is merely fraught with fraud and deceit.

یہ مال و دولت دنیا، یہ رشتہ و پیوند
بتان ویم و گماں، لا الہ الا اللہ

Yeh maal o dawlat-e-dunya, yeh ristha o paivand
butaan-e-vehm-o-gumaaN! La ilaha il Allah

The worldly wealth and riches too, Ties of blood and friends a dream
The idols wrought by doubts untrue, All save God's Oneness empty seem.

خرد ہوئی ہے زمان و مکاں کی زناری
نہ ہے زمان نہ مکاں، لا الہ الا اللہ

Khird huwee hai zamaan o makaaN ki zunaari
na hai zamaaN, na makaaN! La ilaha il Allah

The mind has worn the holy thread Of Time and Space like pagans all
Though Time and Space both illusive "No god but He" is true withal.

یہ نغمہ فصل گل و لالہ کا نہیں پابند
بہار ہو کہ خزاں، لا الہ الا اللہ

Yeh naghma fasl-e-gul o laaleh ka nahin paband
bahaar ho ke khizaaN, La ilaha il Allah

These melodious songs are not confined To Time when rose and tulip bloom
Whatever the season of year be "No god but He" must ring till doom.

اگرچہ بت ہیں جماعت کی آستینوں میں
مجھے ہے حکم اذان، لا الہ الا اللہ

Agarche buth hain jama'at ki aasteenoN mein
mujhe hai hukm-e-azaaN, La ilaha il Allah

Many idols are still concealed' In their sleeves by the Faithful Fold,
I am ordained by Mighty God To raise the call and be much bold.

Translated by: Syed Akbar Ali Shah ([listen](#))

Moral codes in Theism are indeed encased in the absolute *semantic strait-jacket* so feared by all tyrants across space and time and therefore, remain forever under attack and subversion. Islam, like all Theistic religions, has already answered the question of bondage to fellow man in showing the way to its effective severing. It is even part of the cryptic formula, the *Kalima*, recited by the adherent daily, without evidently understanding any of it: “*La ilaha ilallah*” (Arabic: لا إله إلا الله) – “*there is no god but God*”.

Islam's clear prescription of bowing in servitude only to the One God of Truth is completely pre-conditioned upon **first breaking** the bonds of servitude to all other gods of falsehoods. A simple substitution of “God” with “Truth”, and “god” with “falsehoods” including the worship of “self-interests” and “society's gods”, in the above daily declaration of faith makes the all encompassing import of *Kalima* self-evident. The logic of that declaration itself mandates this mental substitution in the proclamation of Monotheism in order to prevent it from degenerating into an absurdity. The Holy Qur'an admonishes not to make a mockery of its teaching:

'That this is indeed a Qur'an Most Honourable, In a Book well-guarded, Which none shall touch but those who are clean: A Revelation from the Lord of the Worlds. **Is it such a Message that ye would hold in light esteem?**' Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Waqia, 56:77-81

And the Holy Qur'an unequivocally equates lies and falsehoods before which one bows, in fear or in expectations, with false gods – as commonsense would dictate:

'Is it a falsehood – gods beside Allah – that ye desire?' (Arabic: أَلَيْسَ لَدُنَّ اللَّهِ تُرِيدُونَ)
Holy Qur'an, Surah As-Saffat 37:86)

Islam, for its followers, is anything but an absurdity. They'd sooner die than mock their religion. And yet, their facile understanding of it directly reduces their practice of their lofty proclamation of *Monotheism* to the absurdity of polytheism. Silence and apathy in the face of the ubiquitous spread of oppression and falsehoods in our time, is akin to directly bowing in servitude before the gods of tyranny. That silence and co-option permits tyranny to spread unchecked becoming its de facto first-cause enabler! Islam calls the allegiance to another *superpower*, or bowing in servitude before other gods, *polytheism*. The abode of polytheists, the Holy Qur'an oft proclaims, is *Jahanam* (the metaphorical abode in the *Hereafter* where accounts are to be settled for creating, aiding and abetting, the hell on earth). **Q.E.D.**

The invitation to break bondage to all false gods and idols is the first Abrahamic creed of Islam. Without it, there is no Islam – only hypocritical pretensions. This Qur'anic similitude was well understood by previous generations of Muslims. This is even evidenced in the twentieth century poet-philosopher of Muslims, Muhammad Iqbal's attempts at transforming the *Muslim umma* from the shackles of ubiquitous colonialism and servitude (see poem in the sidebar).

But Muslims in our present age of *Jahiliya* have been deftly indoctrinated into believing that *polytheism* is only about worshiping the *stone statues* like the ones which inhabited the *Kaaba* before the advent of Islam and its latter day variants, both physical and abstract, seen among peoples of many faiths. Such as, the Holy Trinity of the Christians (the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost), and the physical representations of the many gods of the Hindus!

While loudly decrying those gods of others, Muslims daily reaffirm their own allegiance to all the false gods of pelf and power to advance their petty livelihood and ephemeral station!

All those signature prostrations on the prayer-mat and the circumambulations around the *Kaaba* leaving their indelible mark of piety on the forehead of silence to the hell on earth, may yet turn out to be the key evidence

for the eternal purgatory of *Hell* for *polytheism* in the *Hereafter*. For Islam to make any rational sense at all, that is the only logic of justice which falls out. And that logic has been reaffirmed in Surah Al-Asr of the Holy Qur'an, in the second most misunderstood formulaic daily rehearsal by Muslims: “*Wa ta wa so bil haq*” (Arabic 103:3 وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ) – “*and those who strive for haq*”. What is “haq” but another synonym for truth, justice – the exact antithesis of silent collaboration with tyranny? **2 + 2 still equals only 4, even when the pious might insist upon 5!**

It is surely the most ironical of empirical paradoxes that it is not the theists by and large, but the moral atheists who have courageously risen to shoulder that “*responsibility for our future*”! See Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization for why, contrary to popular belief, even the atheist is not without an inner moral compass (see Bertrand Russell's formulation cited therein). Perhaps the pious living for the *Hereafter* in obliviousness to the tyranny around them, might strive to learn from the godless to value the *here and the now* more than *Hereafter*; to endeavor to make the present less hellish in order to avoid it in the *Hereafter*; to be more concerned with affairs of the *here* than of the *Hereafter*; and in doing so perhaps come to learn the real intent of Theism – “*Wa ta wa so bil haq*” – from these moral atheists!

It would be a well-deserved divine irony if moral atheists who stood by their fellow man without fear of hell or favor of heaven, come to constitute the largest citizenry of any *Heaven* if God does turn out to exist! They will end up with the last laugh in either case! That's all I can say to the pious silent bystanders of modernity prostrating daily in ritual prayers. Poet Iqbal said it a bit more delicately:

جو میں سر بسجده ہوا کبھی تو زمیں سے آنے لگی صدا

تیرا دل تو بے صنم آشنا، تجھے کیا ملے گا نماز میں

Jo Mein Sar-ba-sajada Hova Kabhi, To Zameen Se
Aane Lagi Sada

Tera Dil To Hai Sanam Aashana, Tujhe Kya Milega
Namaaz Mein (transliteration, listen)

'Ever I bowed my head in prostration, there arose hue
and cry from the ground:

Thy heart is enamoured by idols, what shalt thou find
in prayers?' (Kalaam-e-Iqbal, Bang-e-Dara)

East or West, theist or atheist, being aware of the real challenges for those who choose to not merely exist in a dream-state, I believe, will prepare one to meet them more effectively. Self awareness however is the key to the awareness of reality. As Edward Bernays stated it bluntly in the opening passage of his book titled Propaganda: “*We are governed, our minds are molded, our tastes formed, our ideas suggested, largely by men we have never heard of.*” The videos cited at the top of this letter empirically show that a formidable totalitarian system is being engineered even as we speak, and we are being convinced to accept it. Why are they succeeding? How are they able to control our perceptions? I am afraid that most Muslims remain unaware of all this concerted social engineering as many continue to sing the empire's 'War on Terror' song against the Islamofascists. Soon, Muslims might be surprised to find their own religion banned in the West and their very identity as Muslim being associated with “terrorism”. In a generation or two, there won't be any overt

Muslims. A far cry?

Not if this Oped in Pakistan's Dawn of May 06, 2010 is portentous:

'Hussain immigrated to the United States in 2003 and said his children had once even asked if they could change their names due to the image of their homeland in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks.'

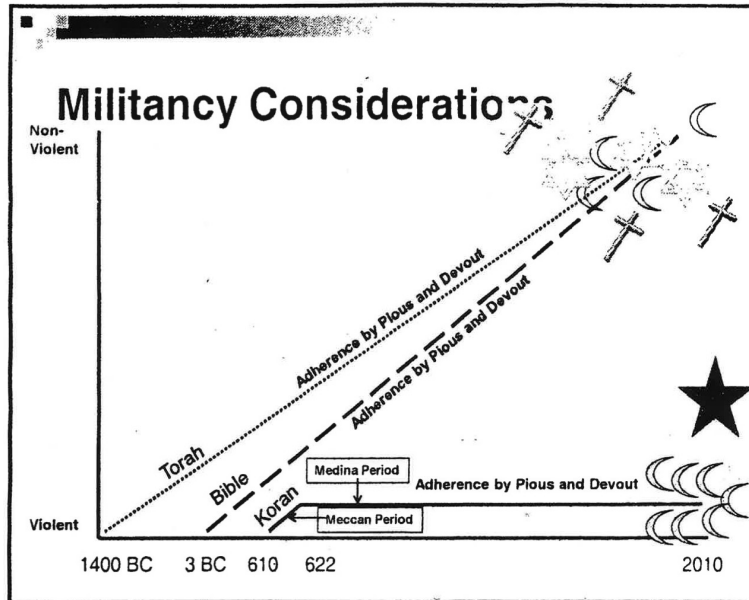
The headline screaming in today's Dawn, May 07, 2010, is even more revealing, even if perhaps mainly as Mighty Wurlitzer's psyop to get others to follow suit:

'Pakistanis pose as Indians after NY bomb scare: NEW YORK: *Pakistani merchants and job seekers in the United States, still reeling from economic hardship since the Sept. 11 attacks of 2001, are posing as Indians to avoid discrimination in the wake of the Times Square bomb attempt.'*

The systematic demonization of Islam and Muslims is being conducted not merely by the vile ignoramuses and the agents provocateurs in burning the Holy Qur'an (see Hijacking the word 'Islam' for Mantra Creation), but officially by the State itself as evidenced in what the FBI is teaching its agents even in the tenth year of 9/11 (see WIRED: FBI Teaches Agents 'Mainstream' Muslims Are 'Violent, Radical' and 7th-Century Simpletons. July and September 2011). Mother Jones magazine September/October 2011 issue reports that the FBI has built a massive network of spies to prevent another domestic attack (sic!), *"The bureau now maintains a roster of 15,000 spies, some paid as much as \$100,000 per case, many of them tasked with infiltrating Muslim communities in the United States."* Teamed up with the University of California-Berkeley's Investigative Reporting Program, the author of that report gallantly asked – perhaps to add a measure ofchutzpah after carefully omitting to challenge the core-axiom of the State that 9/11 was the work of Muslim terrorists – *"But are they busting terrorist plots—or leading them?"*

That Machiavellian trend of calculated lying by way of omissions in respectful looking reportage, backed by academic prestige which retain the core presuppositions of empire necessary to craft the Hegelian Dialectic of Dissent, is ubiquitous. It was brazenly apparent in the May 2011 CAIR report which was co-sponsored by the University of California-Berkeley's Center for Race and Gender (see CAIR Documenting Islamophobia on the rise in the USA – Calling CAIR to Account for its Omissions By Zahir Ebrahim). It was also evident in the followup August 2011 report by a private Washington think-tank called American Progress, gallantly titled "Fear, Inc." (see Zahir Ebrahim's response to Fear, Inc. The Roots of the Islamophobia Network in America). Both of these reports respectably documented the rise of Islamophobia in America. But they also egregiously failed to examine its root cause and motivation in the geopolitical context of the 'War on Terror'.

The concept that this synthetic war on terror was being used as the pretext for ushering in one-world government is completely absent in these (yawn) narratives! Perhaps these brilliant pundits are poorly read only in certain impermissible scholarship. Or, the more likely, the most respectable looking academic scholarship and award-winning journalists are being engaged by the Mighty Wurlitzer to convey both the empire's opprobrium of "Militant Islam", as well as what's permissible dissent. Notice how – by retaining the notion of "Militant Islam" in the guise of critiquing the reactionary excesses of the sole superpower in response to 9/11. That is the standard line of acceptable dissent. (See Zahir Ebrahim's Response to Chris Hedges' amalgam of half-truths 'A Decade After 9/11: We Are What We Loathe')



Caption As reported by Wired on September 14, 2011, an FBI training presentation titled “Militancy Considerations” measures the relationship between piety and violence among the texts of the three Abrahamic faiths [**the god's chosen people obviously coming out on top!!!**] As time goes on, the followers of the Torah and the Bible move from “violent” to “non-violent.” Not so for devotees of the Koran, whose “moderating process has not happened.” The line representing violent behavior from devout Muslims flatlines and continues outward, from 610 A.D. to 2010. In other words, religious Muslims have been and always will be agents of aggression. Watch [FBI Presentation Video](#) artfully Hijacking Islam.

It's a pretty slick game of full spectrum assault on all human senses, cognitive as well as subliminal. Hollywood has already interjected that thought of banning the Qur'an into Western consciousness in the movie “[V for Vendetta](#)”. Soon – that demand might actually be heard on mainstream television in the many choruses of the Mighty Wurlitzer. It ought not to surprise anyone if Muslim faces are presented as Hegelian counterpoint, demanding a “moderate” Islam instead of banning the Qur'an outright! (See [Hijacking the word 'Islam' for Mantra Creation](#)). Muslims have plenty of House Niggers and cultivated agents and assets in the West who will be harvested for this purpose. (See [FAQ: What is an Intellectual Negro](#)) Such a demand simply cannot be plausibly made, or effectively implemented, in the East! Judging from the riots that break out on the “mere” cartooning of the Prophet of Islam – O yes, we are surely slated for population reduction, the “*useless eaters*” of humanity, **while we apathetically wait for Allah to change our condition:**

'For his sake there are angels following one another, before him and behind him, who guard him by Allah's commandment; surely **Allah does not change the condition of a people until they change their own condition**; and when Allah intends evil to a people, there is no averting it, and besides Him they have no protector.' (Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Ra'd, 13:11)

Evidently, the God of the Muslims says different from what a lot of Muslims have been led to believe (vicariously) that *Allah chala raha hai* (God is running the world). If someone were to ask me, I'd suggest that obsessive immoral devils are running the world. Because, Allah has unequivocally proffered all human beings

to stand up to these devils; to not wait for Allah to change their condition; to manage their own affairs with *“Wa ta wa so bil haq”* and with patience if their life is not to be a total loss despite all its material as well as spiritual advancement (see my examination of my understanding of Surah *Al-Asr*).

– End Letter –

Endnote: All quotes and unfamiliar concepts in the text can be studied further by using the Search-box on Project Humanbeingsfirst's homepage. Please help give wide circulation to this letter. The most pious institutions of the Muslims, and our most learned men and women of Letters and the Cloth heading them, are the most villainous Trojan Horses among us — empowering the individual with knowledge and understanding is its only antidote. Thank you.

Supplemental Readings on <http://faith-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com>

[1] Islam and Knowledge vs. Socialization

[2] Hijacking the word 'Islam' for Mantra Creation

[3] Islam: Surah Al-Asr of the Holy Qur'an

[4] Islam: Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to hijack? Part-1, Part-II

Short URL: <http://tinyurl.com/Islam-vs-Secular-Humanism>

Source URL: <http://faith-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/07/islam-vs-secular-humanism.html>

Original date of Letter: Friday, May 07, 2010

Thank you for reading

If you found this abridged work to contain sufficient vitamins for the mind to make you ponder, you will surely like to overdoze on its parent, *The Poor-Man's Guide To Modernity*.

Download PDF: <http://humanbeingsfirst.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/the-poor-mans-guide-to-modernity-5f.pdf>

Or visit Project Humanbeingsfirst website: <http://humanbeingsfirst.org>

Backcover

Current Affairs / Politics / Psychology / Social Engineering

Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to Hijack?

Chapter 33 of *The Poor-Man's Guide To Modernity* dives straight into the question that has principally enabled the modernity du jour – Islam and its hijacking under the rubric of “Islamofascism” to wage the perpetual 'War on Terror', the 'World War IV', for “imperial mobilization” to one-world government. The question examined is immediately captured by the chapter title itself: Why is the Holy Qur'an so easy to Hijack? It explores the matter solely from the study of the Holy Qur'an with the following lede question guiding the inquiry:

What are the inherent impediments for studying the message of the Holy Qur'an which make the Book so amenable to self-serving interpretation, socialization, and even bastardization by anyone?

How are we to prevent the hijacking of the Holy Qur'an from a self-serving understanding of it for our ourselves, before we can even begin to interdict “pious” rulers and superpower empires doing the same bastardization?

The holistic inquiry takes the reader on a trail of discovery on this narrow question. Its exploration however, even as abbreviated as it is undertaken, turns out to be surprisingly very broad and pregnant with paradoxes which invite both introspection and public conversation as a matter of existential import.

The subject matter is primarily responsible for the many fracture-lines among Muslims since the very inception of Islam, but which became plainly visible immediately after the death of the Prophet of Islam. The hijacking of Islam, a “deen”, which has nothing to do with empires, principally spawned all the 'glorious' Muslim empires of the past. And in the present, is spawning a global empire of the oligarchy, the one-world government, using Islam as the manufactured enemy. It is criminally being aided and abetted by Muslim *house niggers* in toto – as always!