

**TO CRITICIZE, INVESTIGATE, CRITIQUE, AND TO BE WARY OF ISLAM
OR ANYTHING
IS OUR RIGHT, AND OUR DUTY, WHEN SOMETHING IS WRONG**

Hear from the ranks of the world's greatest political leaders, military leaders, writers, philosophers, historians, researchers and intellectuals

Views of Islam Throughout History

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William Ewart Gladstone - *Prime Minister of the United Kingdom four times between 1868 and 1894.*

Quran... an accursed book.... So long as there is this book there will be no peace in the world.



Zakariya Razi (Rhazes) - *Persian chemist, philosopher, physician, 865 – 925AD.*

If the people of this religion are asked about the proof for the soundness of their religion, they flare up, get angry and spill the blood of whomever confronts them with this question. They forbid rational speculation, and strive to kill their adversaries. This is why truth became thorough silenced and concealed.



Will Durant - *American writer, historian, and philosopher (November 5, 1885 – November 7, 1981).*

The Islamic conquest of India is probably the bloodiest story in history. It is a discouraging tale, for its evident moral is that civilization is a precious good, whose delicate complex of order and freedom, culture and peace, can at any moment be overthrown by barbarians invading from without or multiplying within.



Ma Fuxiang - *Chinese military and political leader spanning the Qing Dynasty.*

If Muslim people do not change their mind in spite of the changes of social conditions, and if we supplement Islamic courtesy and law without explaining and advertising real Islamic beliefs at the same time, then it is impossible to save the minds of the people.



Ayaan Hirsi Ali - *Somali-born American (formerly Dutch) activist, writer, politician.*

Asked whether suicide bombing can be justified as a measure to defend Islam, 26 percent of American Muslims age eighteen to twenty-nine said yes. That is one quarter of the adult American Muslims under the age of thirty, and no matter how you count the number of Muslims in America (estimates vary from 2 million to 8 million), that is a lot of people.

To be blunt, their [Western] efforts to assist Muslims and other minorities are futile because, by postponing or at best prolonging the process of their transition to modernity — by creating the illusion that one can hold on to tribal norms and at the same time become a successful citizen — the proponents of multiculturalism lock subsequent generations born in the West into a no-man’s-land of moral values. What comes packaged in a compassionate language of acceptance is really a cruel form of racism. And it is all the more cruel because it is expressed in sugary words of virtue.

There are many good men and women in the West who try to resettle refugees, scold their fellow citizens for not doing more, donate money to philanthropic organizations, and strive to eliminate discrimination. They lobby governments to exempt minorities from the standards of behavior of Western societies; they fight to help minorities preserve their cultures, and they excuse their religion from critical scrutiny. These people mean well, I have no doubt. But I believe that their well-intentioned activism is now a part of the very problem they seek to solve.



Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt - *26th President of the United States (1901-1909).*

During the thousand years that included the careers of the Frankish soldier and the Polish king, the Christians of Asia and Africa proved unable to wage successful war with the Moslem conquerors; and in consequence Christianity practically vanished from the two continents; and today nobody can find in them any “social values” whatever, in the sense in which we use the words, so far as the sphere of Mohammedan influence. There are such “social values” today in Europe, America, and Australia only because during those thousand years the Christians of Europe possessed the warlike power to do what the Christians of Asia and Africa had failed to do – that is, to beat back the Moslem invader.



Thomas Jefferson - *U.S. president addressing the Continental Congress about the brutal pirate attacks of the Muslim Ottoman Barbary (1801–1805 and 1815).*

These future United States presidents questioned the ambassador as to why his (Islamic) government was so hostile to the new American republic even though America had done nothing to provoke any such animosity. Ambassador Adja answered them, as they reported to the Continental Congress, ‘that it was founded on the Laws of their Prophet, that it was written in their Koran, that all nations who should not have acknowledged their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found, and to make slaves of all they could take as Prisoners, and that every Musselman who should be slain in Battle was sure to go to Paradise’.



Sir Winston Churchill - *British Conservative politician and statesman of the United Kingdom (November 30, 1874 – January 24, 1965).*

How dreadful are the curses which Mohammedanism lays on its votaries! Besides the fanatical frenzy, which is as dangerous in a man as hydrophobia in a dog, there is this fearful fatalistic apathy. The effects are apparent in many countries. Improvident habits, slovenly systems of agriculture, sluggish methods of commerce, and insecurity of property exist wherever the followers of the Prophet rule or live.

Individual Moslems may show splendid qualities – but the influence of the religion paralyses the social development of those who follow it. No stronger retrograde force exists in the world. Far from being moribund, Mohammedanism is a militant and proselytizing faith. It has already spread throughout Central Africa, raising fearless warriors at every step; and were it not that Christianity is sheltered in the strong arms of science, the science against which it had vainly struggled, the civilization of modern Europe might fall, as fell the civilization of ancient Rome.

A degraded sensualism deprives this life of its grace and refinement; the next of its dignity and sanctity. The fact that in Mohammedan law every woman must belong to some man as his absolute property, either as a child, a wife, or a concubine, must delay the final extinction of slavery until the faith of Islam has ceased to be a great power among men.



Francois Gautier - *French writer and journalist based in India.*

This is a profession of faith of a Muslim: 'I certify that there is no God other than Allah, of whom Mohammed is the only prophet', which means in effect: After and before Mohammed, there is nobody else...' Thus the whole religion of Islam is based on negation: nobody but us, no other religion but ours'. And if you disagree, you shall die. This puts a serious limitation to tolerance and from this strong belief sprang all the horrors of the Muslim invasion of India.

Let it be said right away: the massacres perpetrated by Muslims in India are unparalleled in history, bigger than the holocaust of the Jews by the Nazis; or the massacre of the Armenians by the Turks; more extensive even than the slaughter of the South American native populations by the invading Spanish and Portuguese in early days of America.



Benjamin Franklin - *American revolutionary, diplomat, inventor and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States (January 17, 1706 – April 17, 1790).*

Nor can the Plundering of Infidels be in that sacred Book [the Quran] forbidden, since it is well known from it, that God has given the World, and all that it contains, to his faithful Mussulmen, who are to enjoy it of Right as fast as they conquer it.



Joseph Ernest Renan - *French expert of Middle East ancient languages and civilizations (February 28, 1823 – October 2, 1892).*

Muslims are the first victims of Islam. Many times I have observed in my travels that fanaticism comes from a small number of dangerous men who maintain others in the practice of this religion by terror. To liberate the Muslim from his religion is the best service that one can render him.



Mevlana Jalal ad-Din Rumi - *Persian Sufi poet and philosopher.*

Without demolishing religious schools (madrasas) and minarets (mosques) and without abandoning the beliefs and ideas of the medieval age, restriction in thoughts and pains in conscience will not end. Without understanding that unbelief is a kind of religion, and that conservative religious belief a kind of disbelief, and without showing tolerance to opposite ideas, one cannot succeed. Those who look for the truth will accomplish the mission.

(Sufism has been outlawed and persecuted for seven centuries in the Islamic world).

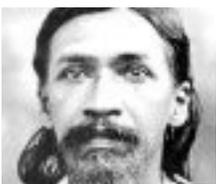


John Quincy Adams - *American statesman and the sixth President of the United States from 1825 to 1829. He also served as a diplomat, a Senator and member of the House of Representatives. (July 11, 1767 – February 23, 1848)*

In the seventh century of the Christian era, a wandering Arab of the lineage of Hagar, the Egyptian, combining the powers of transcendent genius, with the preternatural energy of a fanatic, and the fraudulent spirit of an impostor, proclaimed himself as a messenger from Heaven, and spread desolation and delusion over an extensive portion of the earth. Adopting from the sublime conception of the Mosaic law, the doctrine of one omnipotent God; he connected indissolubly with it, the audacious falsehood, that he was himself his prophet and apostle.

He (Muhammad) poisoned the sources of human felicity at the fountain, by degrading the condition of the female sex, and the allowance of polygamy; and he declared undistinguished and exterminating war, as a part of his religion, against all the rest of mankind. The essence of his doctrine was violence and lust: to exalt the brutal over the spiritual part of human nature.

The command to propagate the Moslem creed by the sword is always obligatory, when it can be made effective... by fraud, or by force.



Sri Aurobindo - *Born Aurobindo Ghose, was an Indian nationalist, philosopher, yogi, guru, and poet (August 15, 1872 – December 5, 1950).*

You can live amicably with a religion whose principle is toleration. But how is it possible to live with a religion whose principle is 'I will not tolerate'? You cannot build unity on such basis. Perhaps the only way of making the Mohammedans harmless is to make them lose their faith in their religion.

Al-Ma'arri - 11th Century blind Arab philosopher, poet and writer.



He labeled religions in general as “noxious weeds” and lay claim that Islam does not have a monopoly on truth.

Do not suppose the statements of the prophets to be true; they are all fabrications. Men lived comfortably till they came and spoiled life. The sacred books are only such a set of idle tales as any age could have and indeed did actually produce. They recite their sacred books, although the fact informs me that these are fiction from first to last. O Reason, thou (alone) speakest the truth. Then perish the fools who forged the religious traditions or interpreted them!

Byzantine Emperor Manuel II Palaiologos - *Conversation between the Emperor and a Persian scholar, 1391.*



Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached. God is not pleased by blood – and not acting reasonably is contrary to God’s nature. Faith is born of the soul, not the body. Whoever would lead someone to faith needs the ability to speak well and to reason properly, without violence and threats... To convince a reasonable soul, one does not need a strong arm, or weapons of any kind, or any other means of threatening a person with death.

Irfan Husain - *Pakistani columnist and writer for Dawn - Pakistan’s oldest and most widely read English-language newspaper in Asia.*



The Muslim heroes who figure larger than life in our history books committed many dreadful crimes. Mahmud of Ghazni, Qutb-ud-Din Aibak, Balban, Mohammed bin Qasim, and Sultan Mohammad Tughlak, all have blood-stained hands that the passage of years has not cleansed. Indeed, the presence of Muslim historians on their various campaigns has ensured that the memory of their deeds will live long after they were buried.....Seen through Hindu eyes, the Muslim invasion of their homeland was an unmitigated disaster.

Rabindranath Tagore - *Bengali polymath and Nobel Prize winner in Literature who reshaped Bengali literature and music, as well as Indian art (7 May 1861 – 7 August 1941).*



A very important factor which is making it almost impossible for Hindu-Muslim unity to become an accomplished fact is that the Muslims cannot confine their patriotism to any one country. I had frankly asked many Muslims whether, in the event of any Mohammedan power invading India, they would stand side by side with their Hindu neighbors to defend their common motherland, I was not satisfied with the reply I got from them.



Alain Danielou - French historian, intellectual, musicologist, Indologist 1907-1994.

From the time Muslims started arriving, around 632 AD, the history of India becomes a long, monotonous series of murders, massacres, spoliations, and destructions.



Annie Besant - British socialist, theosophist, women's rights activist, writer and orator. Party member of the Indian National Congress (1847 – 1933).

The inner Muslim feeling of hatred against 'unbelievers' has sprung up naked and unashamed.... We have seen, revived, as guide in practical politics, the old Muslim religion of the sword.... In thinking of an independent India, the menace of Mohammedan rule has to be considered.



Lala Lajpat Rai - Indian Punjabi author and politician who is chiefly remembered as a leader in the Indian fight for independence (1865 – 1928).

I have devoted most of my time during the last six months to the study of Muslim History and Muslim Law and I am inclined to think that Hindu-Muslim unity is neither possible nor practicable... I do honestly and sincerely believe in the necessity and desirability of Hindi-Muslim unity. I am also fully prepared to trust the Muslim leaders, but what about the injunctions of the Koran and Hadis. The leaders cannot override them.



Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay - Bengali novelist and short story writer (1876 – 1938).

If we go by the lessons of history we have to accept that the goal of the Hindu-Muslim unity is a mirage. When Muslims first entered India, they looted the country, destroyed the temples, broke the idols, raped the women and heaped innumerable indignities on the people of this country. Today it appears that such noxious behavior has entered the bone marrow of Muslims. Unity can be achieved among equals.... I am of the view that Hindu-Muslim unity, which could not be achieved during the last thousand years, will not materialize during the ensuing thousand years.

Dr. Younis Shaikh - Pakistani medical doctor, human rights activist and freethinker.



....eighty million were slaughtered and millions of women were raped.....it was standard practice for Islamic warlords like Ghoris and Ghaznis to unleash the mass rape and enslavement of hundreds of thousands of women after the slaughter of all males.

An extremely large percentage of Muslims in South Asia today are the progeny of forcible conversions and systematic rape campaigns by marauding Muslim invaders.



Sir William Muir - Scottish Orientalist, scholar of Islam, and colonial administrator (1819 – 1905).

The tree (of Islam) is of artificial planting. Instead of containing within itself the germ of growth and adaptation to the various requirements of time and climate and circumstance, expanding with the genial sunshine and rain from heaven, it remains the same forced and stunted thing as when first planted some twelve centuries ago.

The contrast between our own faith and Islam is most remarkable. There are in our Scriptures living germs of truth, which accord with civil and religious liberty, and will expand with advancing civilization. In Islam it is just the reverse. The Koran has no such teaching as with us has abolished polygamy, slavery, and arbitrary divorce, and has elevated woman to her proper place. As a Reformer, Mahomet did advance his people to a certain point, but as a Prophet he left them fixed immovably at that point for all time to come.

Some, indeed, dream of an Islam in the future, rationalized and regenerate. All this has been tried already, and has miserably failed. The Koran has so encrusted the religion in a hard unyielding casement of ordinances and social laws, that if the shell be broken the life is gone. A rationalistic Islam would be Islam no longer.



St. Thomas Aquinas (*Contra Gentiles, Book One, Chapter 6, Paragraph 4*) - Italian Dominican friar and Catholic priest and an immensely influential philosopher and theologian in the tradition of scholasticism (1225 – 1274).

Indeed, the truths that he [prophet Muhammad] taught he mingled with many fables and with doctrines of the greatest falsity. He did not bring forth any signs produced in a supernatural way, which alone fittingly gives witness to divine inspiration; for a visible action that can be only divine reveals an invisibly inspired teacher of truth. On the contrary, Muhammad said that he was sent in the power of his arms—which are signs not lacking even to robbers and tyrants. What is more, no wise men, men trained in things divine and human, believed in him from the beginning. Those who believed in him were brutal men and desert wanderers, utterly ignorant of all divine teaching, through whose numbers Muhammad forced others to become his followers by the violence of his arms.

Nor do divine pronouncements on the part of preceding prophets offer him [Muhammad] any witness. On the contrary, he perverts almost all the testimonies of the Old and New Testaments by making them into fabrications of his own, as can be seen by anyone who examines his law. It was, therefore, a shrewd decision on his part to forbid his followers to read the Old and New Testaments, lest these books convict him of falsity. It is thus clear that those who place any faith in his words believe foolishly.

... The point is clear in the case of *Muhammad*. He seduced the people by promises of carnal pleasure to which the concupiscence of the flesh goads us. His teaching also contained precepts that were in conformity with his promises, and he gave free rein to carnal pleasure. In all this, as is not unexpected, he was obeyed by carnal men. As for proofs of the truth of his doctrine, he brought forward only such as could be grasped by the natural ability of anyone with a very modest wisdom.

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