



# The Turks

The Central Asian Civilization

That Bridged the East and the West  
for Over Two Millennia

*This is a **Preview** to give an idea to those who are interested in the subject area of the culture and history of the Turks and for those who are considering to buy the book **THE TURKS**. This preview includes comments as well as detailed table of contents for the two volumes of the **THE TURKS**, which are on sale on Amazon in paperback and Kindle formats.*

## WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THE PEOPLE, THE TURKS:

\* Giovanni Curatola, professor of Islamic archaeology and art history at the University of Udine in Italy in 2010 stated,

“For Westerners, the Turks come from the East. It is unlikely that anyone would question this assumption, and yet the notion is irredeemably tarnished by Westerners’ prejudices, our supposed centrality and alleged cultural superiority. This is a major obstacle in understanding complex cultural phenomena. Thus, let’s think ourselves as Westerners, and of the Turks as coming from another ‘center of the world’ or cradle of civilization, a Central Asian one, and as being witness and heirs to those vast lands in all their variety.”

\* At the Royal Academy of Arts in London in 2005, British prime minister Tony Blair stated,

“The story of the Turkic peoples as they moved westwards over a period of a thousand years, mixing with the other vibrant civilizations they encountered, was to culminate in one of the greatest empires the world has ever known. Their long and complex journey through Central Asia, the Middle East and, of course, Europe is something we should understand and reflect upon. It demonstrates that the interaction of different cultures in our world is crucial if we are to survive.”

## **REVIEWS ABOUT THE BOOK:**

"THE TURKS is a very interesting book covering a huge period and geographical area from Europe, to Asia, and including the fascinating area of Central Asia. And it is a comprehensive study – a political, military, social, cultural, religious and economic history, with the main actors – a rich mix – giving life to the narrative. A glance at the sources reveals wide reading of excellent academic sources. The text is attractively and clearly written, moves on rapidly and the reader is never isolated and is brought into the story."

"A scholarly, sincere, and fair treatment of a complex history spanning over many millennia and continents. References, maps, photos are all well chosen and the history well explained. So little is written about the subject of Turks in the academic world in the first place, that this book could easily support a college freshman course, "Turks - 101." . We must thank the author, in this regard, for filling a scholarly vacuum. I recommend anyone who wished to know the Turks to read this book--rather than rely on most of the current material on the internet that seem to justify the label "attack books"."

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