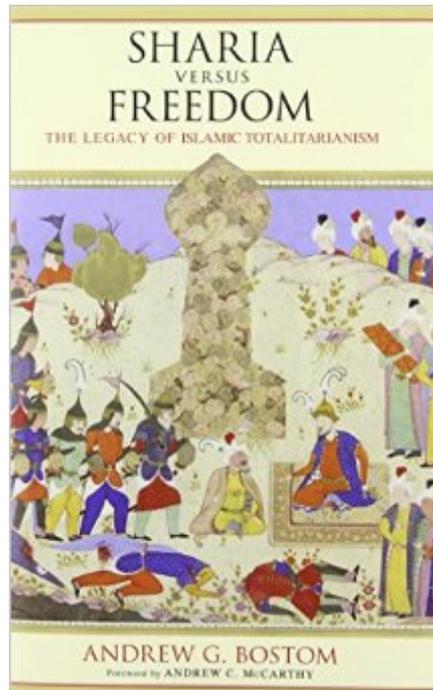


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Sharia Versus Freedom: The Legacy Of Islamic Totalitarianism



Synopsis

Shows indisputably the incompatibility of Sharia with universal human rights Author Andrew G. Bostom expands upon his two previous groundbreaking compendia, *The Legacy of Jihad* and *The Legacy of Islamic Antisemitism*, with this collection of his own recent essays on Sharia "Islamic law. The book elucidates, unapologetically, Sharia's defining Islamic religious principles and the consequences of its application across space and time, focusing upon contemporary illustrations. A wealth of unambiguous evidence is marshaled, distilled, and analyzed, including: objective, erudite studies of Sharia by leading scholars of Islam; the acknowledgment of Sharia's global "resurgence," even by contemporary academic apologists for Islam; an abundance of recent polling data from Muslim nations and Muslim immigrant communities in the West confirming the ongoing, widespread adherence to Sharia's tenets; the plaintive warnings and admonitions of contemporary Muslim intellectuals "freethinkers and believers, alike" about the incompatibility of Sharia with modern, Western-derived conceptions of universal human rights; and the overt promulgation by authoritative, mainstream international and North American Islamic religious and political organizations of traditional, Sharia-based Muslim legal systems as an integrated whole (i.e., extending well beyond mere "family-law aspects" of Sharia)

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In this overarching analysis, Bostom provides an engrossing and encyclopedic catalog of ideology and history of the naked totalitarianism of Islamic religious and political doctrines -- a diametric opposite to free Western social structure. Sharia prohibits political freedoms, freedoms of

conscience, faith, and expression (both oral and written). As applied throughout its history and expressed in internal jurisprudence, Bostom shows, Mohammed's intractable creed suppressed and oppressed all with whom it interacted -- especially non-Muslims. Inherently totalitarian jihadist and Islamic canon neither concerns nor governs only "believers." By Muslim belief, according to scholar Joseph Schacht (d. 1969), the "clear path to be followed" establishes divine, global Islamic order and cannot "be penetrated by the intelligence ... i.e., man has to accept it without criticism." It governs Muslims, and also "activities of the tolerated members of other faiths so far as they may not be detrimental to Islam." Sharia code requires Muslims to mount regular jihad attacks on unvanquished non-Muslims and permanently, deliberately humiliate "inferior" jihad survivors. Their incorporation into Islamic polity subjects non-Muslims to sharia (pp. 110-112) and its inheritance statutes, requirements and prohibitions and draconian hadd penalties --- including death (by stoning) for adultery, apostasy, and highway robbery (whose victim was murdered); loss of limbs for simple robbery; loss of right hand for simple theft; 100 lashes for "fornication" and 80 lashes for wine drinking.

Should books which critically examine Islam's doctrines still be in existence one-hundred years from now - granted the Third Wave of Jihad currently in progress be somehow prevented from burning all of them - Andrew Bostom's new #1 best-seller *Sharia Versus Freedom* will surely be the subject of discussion among the future's brightest scholars and historians, as they examine (and wonder) how the Free World managed to dodge Muhammad's well-aimed bullet. From Islamic law's history of barbaric treatment of non-Muslim men and all women, to the relentless, gradual invasion of its tentacles into the very foundations of present-day America's culture, Bostom turns a blinding floodlamp of truth onto a subject that Western Journalists and political leaders abjectly refuse to acknowledge - the brutal realities of Sharia and why it is irreconcilable with our civilization. With a command of the English language surpassed by few, Dr. Bostom walks his readers through astonishing barriers to truth which have been erected by such famous men as Fox News' Bill O'Reilly (chapter 31). The title of the chapter is *Educating Bill O'Reilly on the Rape Factor in Islam*. During a televised O'Reilly Factor interview with author Wafa Sultan (*A God Who Hates*), Sultan stated: "Any sexual activity is considered the given right of a male... A Muslim woman cannot report being raped because she will be asked to provide four witnesses otherwise she will be accused of committing adultery, and she will be stoned to death..." O'Reilly's response? "I find it hard to believe that the prophet Muhammad would preach a doctrine where any woman can be abused at any time by any Muslim man and be held not accountable." Indeed.

Dr. Bostom's avocation of exploring Islamic history and writings has eventuated in this portrait of an intractably totalitarian political system masquerading as a religion. (of course, it still may be characterized as a "faith" in the same way, and in this respect indistinguishable from, Nazism and communism, as Dr. Bostom's sources explicitly reflect.) To struggle through page after page of documentation of the single-minded determination of Islam to dominate the globe is as terrifying as it is informative. By assembling documentation from sources over the 1400 years of Islamic history--including thoughtful and scholarly Western sources from relatively recent times, but airbrushed from the ranks of academic respectability by contemporary social relativists--he has provided as much a source of reference, with detailed information regarding primary sources, as a source of education. Worth the price of the book, in and of itself, is Andrew C. McCarthy's "Foreword", which states, in McCarthy's typically trenchant way, the real existential question facing the non-Islamic world--Do we have any core beliefs which justify looking squarely at other beliefs, judging them obnoxious, and choosing to resist without regard to cost? This "Foreword" is a limpid expression of these questions, though the answer, if one might judge from current political obfuscations and from McCarthy's prior book, "Willful Blindness", seems to be a resounding "No." The consequence, sadly, appears to be inexorable compromise until, as the Jews of Europe so recently learned to the world's horror, conditions become either catastrophic or irreversible. McCarthy and Bostom can at least say "Don't say you weren't forewarned."

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