

AMERICA
**** At Crossroad/2010 ****

Stephen Coughlin
Washington, DC
19 February 2010

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- It's a line Coughlin has *long pushed* . . .
- Coughlin *asserted* that . . .

Actually, I plead with professionals to undertake their own fact-based Analysis

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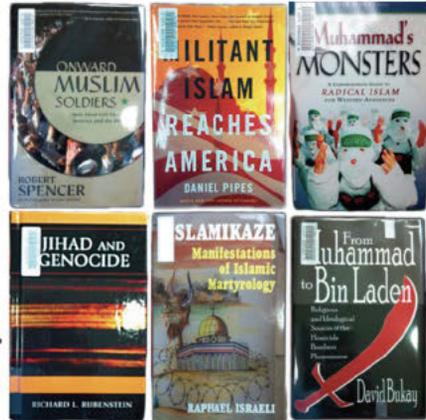
Not asking you to believe this presentation –

Rather just pointing that this is an issue of fact that can be resolved by way of direct analysis of peer reviewed and authoritatively approved English language translations of authoritative treatments on Islamic law!

There is the matter of the professional duty to know!

What is clear – even if this understanding of Islamic law is in error, it is still in error in EXACTLY the way the enemy in the WOT got it wrong and, hence, is still an accurate reflection of the enemy's stated threat doctrine

How about a return to fact driven analysis!



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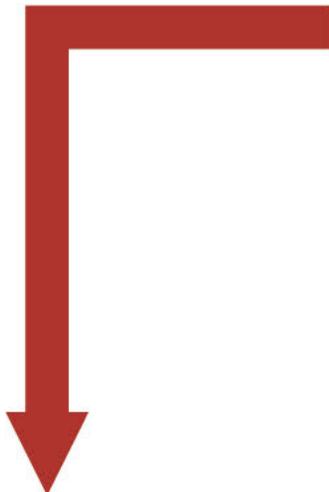


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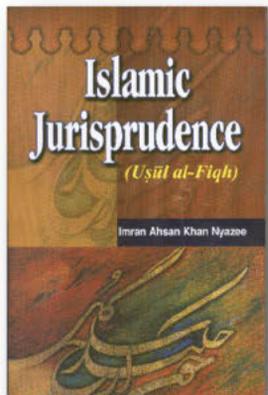


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Abrogation Defined

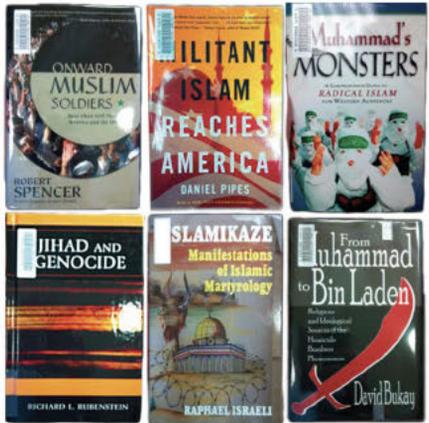
- “The law was laid down in the period of the Prophet (peace be unto him) **gradually and in stages**. The aim was to bring a society steeped in immorality to observe the highest standards of morality. This could not be done abruptly. It was **done in stages**, and doing so necessitated **repeal** and **abrogation** of certain laws.”

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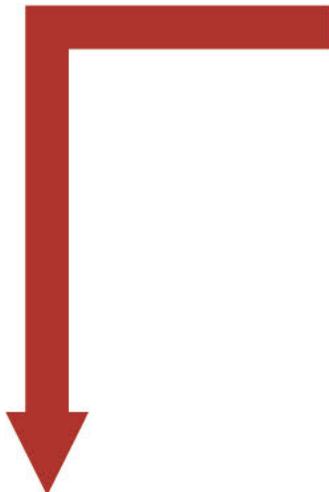


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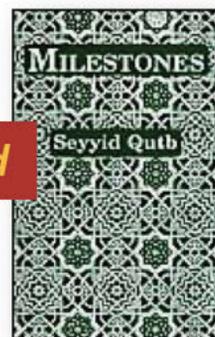


Abrogation and the “Extremist” Narrative Aligned

- The **Qur'an** did not come down all at once; rather it came down according to the needs of the Islamic society in facing new problems, ...

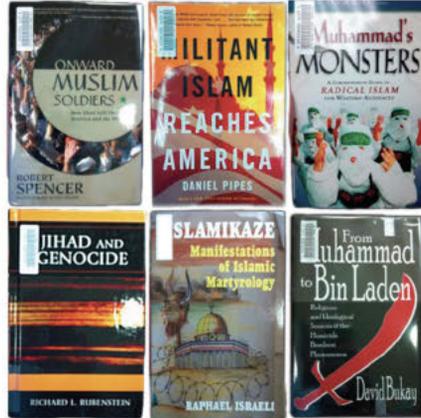
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Qutb, Milestones, 11.



That the Muslim Brotherhood expressly adopted

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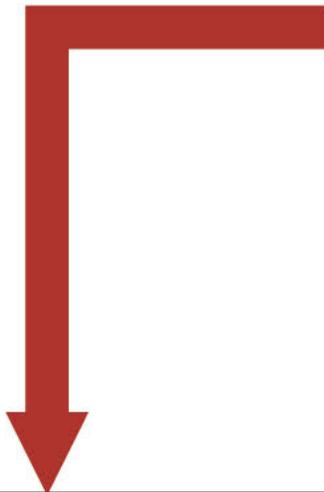


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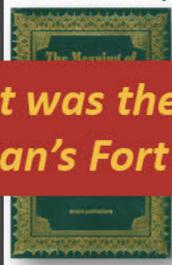
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Quranic Basis to Abrogation

- *It is a Qur’an which We have divided into parts from time to time, in order that though mightiest recite it to men at intervals: We have Revealed it by stages.* ²³¹⁷ (Qur’an 17:106)

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That was the basis of Major Hasan’s Fort Hood Shooting



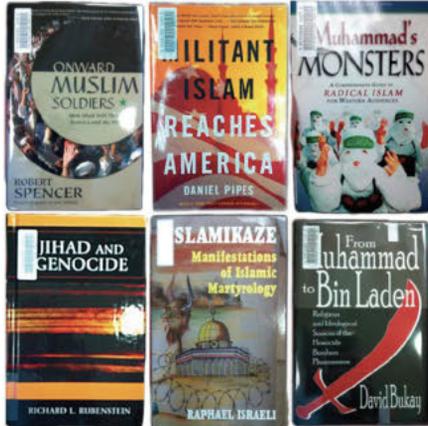
Hasan on Islam

Koran

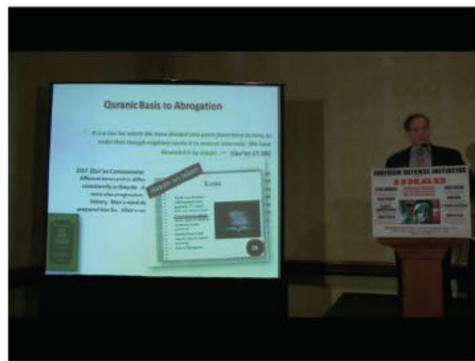
- Koran was revealed 1400 hundred years ago(early 7th century AD)- the word of God.
- Progressive revelation; verses were revealed as situations/events presented
- Hadiths/Sira/Asbab nasool: aids in context and order.
- Rule of abrogation

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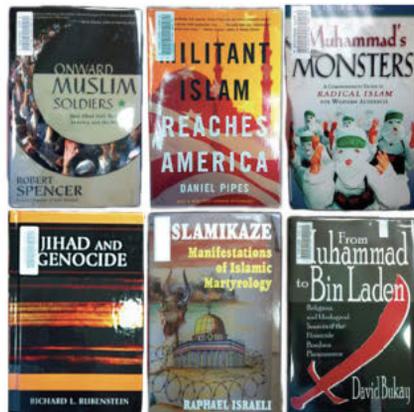
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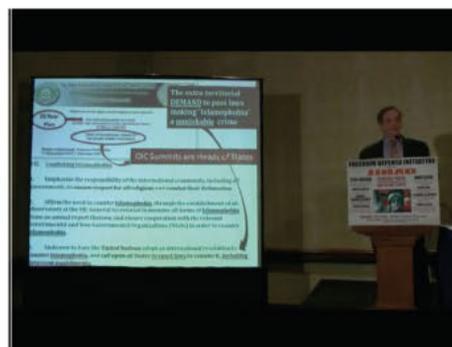
- Coughlin asserted that the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the geopolitical organization of Muslim nations, has a “ten-year plan” to make “defamation of Islam a crime” worldwide.

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 Makka AlMukarama 7-8 December 2005

<http://www.oic-oci.org/ex-summit/english/10-years-plan.htm>

TEN-YEAR PROGRAMME OF ACTION
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VII. Combating Islamophobia

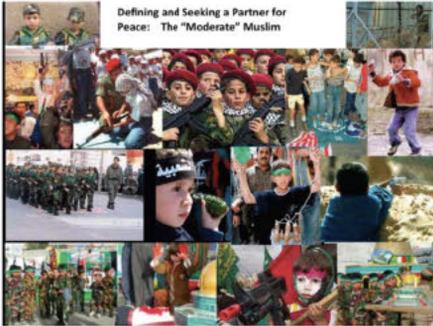
1. Emphasize the responsibility of the international community, including all governments, to ensure respect for all religions and combat their defamation.
2. Affirm the need to counter **Islamophobia**, through the establishment of an observatory at the OIC General Secretariat to monitor all forms of Islamophobia,

That was briefed from the OIC's official document

Islamophobia.

3. Endeavor to have the **United Nations** adopt an international resolution to counter **Islamophobia**, and call upon all States to enact laws to counter it, including deterrent punishments.

U.S. Military Taught Officers: Use 'Hiroshima' Tactics for 'Total War' on Islam



In this September 23, 2011 article, “New Evidence of Anti-Islam Bias Underscored Deep Challenge for FBI’s Reform Pledge,” in WIRED Magazine, Spencer Ackerman included a video of a presentation I gave, titled America at the Crossroads – 2010 to the CPAC related forum “Jihad and Islam for Freedom Defense Initiative.” A review of that video refuted all but one -

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It turns out that on May 10, 2012, Ackerman posted another of my presentations that was stolen from the Joint Forces Staff College titled *Imposing Islamic Law – or – These aren’t the Droids You’re Looking for!*, JFSC Briefing, March 14, 2011 did address the issue Ackerman implies is conspiratorial.



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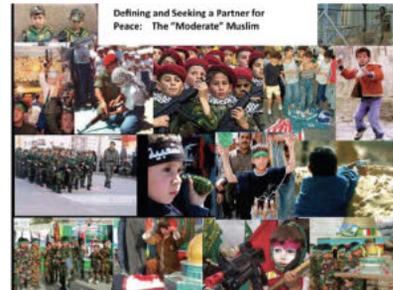
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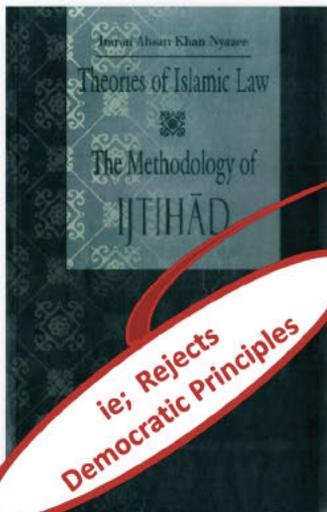


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The "Complete Way of Life" is Governed by Islamic Law

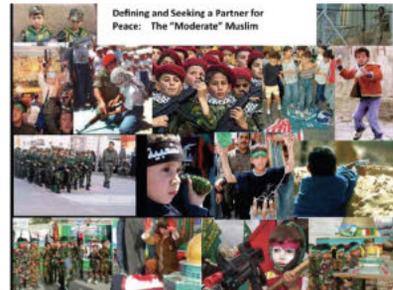


Islam, it is generally acknowledged, is a “complete way of life” and at the core of this code is the law of Islam. This implies that a Muslim through his submission to Islam not only accepts the unity of Allah, the truth of the mission of Muhammad, but also agrees through a contract (*bay'ah*) with the Muslim community that his life be regulated in accordance with the *ahkam* of Allah, and in accordance with these *ahkam* alone. **No other sovereign or authority is acceptable to the Muslim, unless it guarantees the application of these laws in their entirety. Any other legal system, howsoever attractive it may appear on the surface, is alien for Muslims and is not likely to succeed in the solution of their problems; it would be doomed from the start. ... A comprehensive application of these laws, which flow directly or indirectly from the decrees (*ahkam*) of Allah, would mean that they should regulate every area of life, from politics to private transactions, from criminal justice to the laws of traffic, from ritual to international law, and from the laws of taxation and finance to embezzlement and white collar crimes. (50)**

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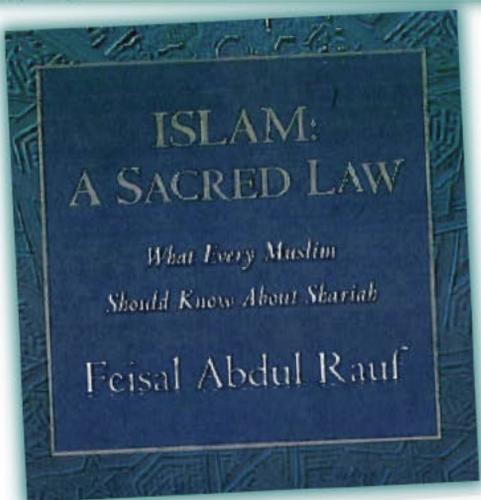
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In other words, what distinguishes the *Shari'ah* from other laws is not that it **excludes** any aspect of human actions or sources of law, but that it directs humankind to worship God, and having done so, attempts to ensure that the rest of human laws do not conflict with this intent.

57-58-59 Islam, a Sacred Law

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But justice and equity, and the concepts of right and wrong, can only be an extension of an attachment to God and abiding by His dictates. And since a *Shari'ah* is understood as a law with God at its center, it is not possible in principle to limit the *Shari'ah* to some aspects of human life and leave out others.



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And in reading a typical compendium on Islamic law, you will notice that, having discussed the list of credal and specifically religious ritual topics given above, it goes on to deal with family or personal law (i.e., marriage, divorce, paternity, guardianship and succession and inheritance), then with the law of contracts, of civil wrongs and criminal law; followed by the law of evidence and of procedure, and with a multitude of other subjects, to a degree of detail that it covers even the rules of social etiquette, called *adab*. Even “Emily Post” issues are under the umbrella of the *Shari'ah*. The *Shari'ah* thus covers every field of law—public and private, national and international—together with enormous amounts of material that Westerners would not regard as law at all, because the basis of the *Shari'ah* is the worship of, and obedience to, God through good works and moral behavior. Following the Sacred Law thus *defines* the Muslim's belief in God.

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The U.S. authored Constitutions (Afghanistan's and Iraq's) declaring that those Constitutions were subordinate to Islamic Law (making them shells)

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Iraqi & Afghan Constitutions Refer to It!

Iraq

- **Section One, Article 2:**
 - **First:** Islam is the official religion of the State and it is a basic source of legislation:
 - **No law can be passed that contradicts the undisputed rules of Islam**

Afghanistan

- **Article 2 [Religions].**
 - (1) The religion of the state of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is the sacred religion of Islam
- **Article 3 [Law and Religion].**
 - In Afghanistan, **no law can be contrary to the beliefs and provisions of the sacred religion of Islam**