

1: The Muslim Guide to Surviving a Zombie Apocalypse | PhilAsify

(RNS) Muslim and Christian views of the Apocalypse are remarkably similar, albeit with a different ending. As in the Bible's Book of Revelation, Islamic tradition speaks of signs -- unnatural.

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. The hellish cavalry rides again!! The vision of the 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse is very similar to the vision of Zechariah chapter 6. And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass. In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled grey and bay horses Zechariah 6: And I saw, and behold a white horse: And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. After galloping furiously for years, one would think that the 4 warhorses would be totally exhausted and ready to drop dead It seems that the ecumenical movement of the past 50 years has given the horses a devotional recess. Antichrist is the pope and the Turk together; a beast full of life must have a body and soul; the spirit or soul of antichrist is the pope, his flesh or body the Turk. Table Talk of Saint Martin Luther , p. Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? This is the definitive teaching on the relations of a Christian to the government Unlike Mohammad, Jesus did not tell his disciples to go out and create their own state, coin their own money, and conquer the world by the sword. Front of Roman gold denarius. The Roman gold or silver denarius with the image of Caesar circulated as current money throughout the Roman Empire. It was eventually debased and replaced by the bezant and coined at Constantinople. Reverse of Roman gold denarius. The denarius died out with the collapse of Old Rome. The bezant or solidis was the longest lasting currency in the history of the world and held its value for almost years. The Arabs tried to undermine it and replace it with their currency. Statue of Saladin in Damascus, Syria. Seated on the left can be seen a defeated Crusader. Saladin Salah al-Din is a great hero in the Muslim world and almost considered a "saint" in the Latin West because of his lenient treatment of the defeated Crusaders. The 6 pointed star is the national symbol of Khazaria. Silver dirham of Saladin with 6 pointed star. The 6 pointed star is on the flag of Khazaria a. Saladin acted more humanely when he recaptured Jerusalem than the brutal Crusaders acted in the capture of that city in Perhaps it was merely a matter of saving face. Europe could not ignore the fact of defeat, and some "Christians" thought it well deserved. Muslims naturally believed that the Franks had been humiliated by the will of God for their wickedness and corruption and the view is echoed in Europe. From the south of France, friars reported that as they preached their open-air sermons bystanders ostentatiously gave alms to beggars on the fringes of the congregation with the words: Hero of Islam, pp The dollar was divorced from gold in From to , the U. That meant that anybody could walk into the U. Mint, and the government would coin their silver or gold into lawful money at the rate of This system was called bimetallism, and the ratio of silver to gold 15 to 1 always seemed to stay the same over the centuries. Constitutionâ€™ Article I Section 8 says: Congress shall

have the power. A dollar is and one quarter grains of fine silver!! That much silver was to constitute a dollar. Each dollar was a unit. All other money was to be counted from this unit of a silver dollar. Hence dimes, quarters and half dollars were fractional parts of the dollar. Dollars or Unitsâ€”each to be of the value of a Spanish milled dollar as the same is now current, and to contain three hundred and seventy-one grains and four sixteenths parts of a grain of pure, or four hundred and sixteen grains of standard silver. Coinage Act of Silver was assassinated on February 12, , when Congress ended the free coinage of silver. From that time onward, the U. On August 15, , President Nixon demonetized the dollar completely by divorcing it from convertibility into gold. Of course, the Arabs raised no outcry that they were getting worthless "dollars" for all their oil. Fort Knox, Kentucky, was the former depository of the U. Gold was demonetized in , but the Muslims made no outcry that the petrodollar was now worthless. Since the dollar was no longer pegged to gold, gold was considered unnecessary, and Fort Knox was opened for them to buy all the gold reserves of the country with their petrodollars!! Treasury building in Washington City. The golden rule states that: Whosoever has the gold makes the rules. That is why the "U. Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner. Bureau of Printing and Engraving in Washington City. Fake paper "money" called fiat currency is rolling off the presses like water over Niagara Falls. The Muslims, who run the Treasury and the Pentagon, makes sure that billions of dollars are wasted in senseless wars in order to undermine the dollar and replace it with the DINAR!! People worldwide are fed up with the paper U. Front of the Islamic gold dinar. Imagine millions worldwide walking around with "money" in their pockets that says: They will be provoking the Triune God to send them down alive into hell!! Reverse of the Islamic gold dinar. All paper currencies eventually become worthless because they are false printing press "money. Mother Russia is the only independent country left in the entire world that has substantial gold reserves and that is why she is the final target of NATO and Islamic jihad. Let no man deceive you by any means: Little children, it is the last time: Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denies the Father and the Son. Whosoever denies the Son, the same hath not the Father: Teaching false doctrines in the Christian Congregation. Denying the existence of the Father and the Son. But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even DENYING the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. Another damnable heresy is Petrine Primacy which nobody heard of until centuries after the Apostolic era. People of the Book Christians , do not transgress the bounds of your religion. Speak nothing but the truth about God. So believe in God and His apostles and do not say: God is but one God. God forbid that He should have a son! His is all that the heavens and the earth contain. God is the all-sufficient protector.

2: Pictorial Chronology | Apocalypse! FRONTLINE | PBS

An ancient prophecy quotes Muhammad as saying Dabiq (near Aleppo in Syria) will be where Islam defeats Christendom (Sahih-Muslim, Vol. 4, Ch. 41,). Yet, only within the last year has ISIS linked that prophecy to its territorial ambitions, and even launched a digital publication under that name.

Basically a man wakes up from a coma to find that the world has been overrun with flesh-eating walkers or zombies. That clear enough for ya? The zombies who lurk around have lost their human uniqueness. The faculty of emotion, feeling, intellect and reason are gone. They are reduced to only having carnal desires and the ability of speaking is now relegated to grunts and growls. They are simply animals now whose sole objective is to find and eat human flesh. I mean it is ridiculous! There are thousands of fan pages, blogs and internet memes dedicated to the show. Forums and message boards have been created just for people to revel in the sheer awesomeness of the show and discuss the story, the characters and even the possibility of a zombie apocalypse really happening and what they would do if they were in one. I see them all the time, actually. You know, the lack of brain function? Obliviousness to the surrounding world? Yes, zombies do exist. Some are our friends, some are even in our family and at our workplace and schools. Heck, we ourselves can even be zombies! They are all in one room sitting together. No one is saying a word. All of their eyes are fixated toward a wall on one side of the room and their faces are glowing, mouths agape and pupils dilated. What were those people doing? Oh, just Watching TV. We live in a day and age where people could be meeting together and a person or two, or three or all are present in body but are not really there. They are looking at a 4 inch screen, texting and surfing away. Remember when I said above that I played pick-up basketball with a zombie? He was on my team. He had headphones in his ear and was jamming to something on his MP3 player on full blast. Every time we tried to talk to him, it was a: There are those who breeze through life and pridefully boast that it was them and their hard work and skill alone which brought them to their high status. There are those who have all of the above and simply just fail to take a couple of minutes out of their life to thank their Creator and use every excuse in the book to justify it. There are people out there who see the magnificent beauty of the world around them and just shrug their shoulders and go "Meh. These are the true walking dead. They are zombies to the fullest extent. And the Prophet Muhammad pbuh even stated this himself. The Prophet Muhammad pbuh said: Non-Muslim self-help gurus and life coaches stress the importance of meditation and taking time out for self-reflection and evaluation at least once a day. Muslims call this Salat and do it at least 5 times a day. On top of that you make Dhikr litanies and words of remembering God and make sure that in everything you do, Allah is remembered, thanked and praised. Toning down the usage of electronic entertainment and setting limits and boundaries by taking "gadget breaks" also do a world of good to remove the dead within us. This was actually brilliantly illustrated in a song by Native Deen member Abdul-Malik Ahmad titled "Jihad of the Nafs" where he spoke metaphorically of weapons used to ward off the negative influences and whispers of Satan. I got the Sunnah practices of the Prophet as my fully automatic. Application of these principles in your life will make it harder to become that intellectual zombie which we see all too often every day. Keep staying alive, folks.

3: Anti-Semitic Themes in Muslim Apocalyptic and Jihadi Literature

connections between Islam and the apocalypse for centuries. The and Somalia), and so on, have influenced American Christian attitudes toward Islam over the years.

The End of the World: Coded in the Quran We learn from the Quran that this world will come to an end. We have made of what is on the earth ornaments for it in order to test them as to whose work is better, and We will surely turn what is on it into a barren wasteland. The day when the earth will be replaced with another earth, as well as the heavens, and they are brought forward before God, the One, the Subduer. Are they waiting but for the Hour to come to them suddenly? Its conditions have already come so what good will their Reminder be when it comes to them? Shortly before the end of the world the moon will split, and this will be one of the signs of the end of the world. The Hour has drawn near and the moon has split. When the decree has been issued upon them, We will bring out for them a creature from the earth that will speak to them. Indeed, the people have no certainty about Our signs. An important observation in the words in We notice that all the other verses that connect the two words "creature" and "earth" always speaks of "creature in the earth", for example: There is not a single creature in the earth whose provision is not granted by God. However, when we look at As it happened, the computer was the tool to be used in counting all the thousands of figures and multiples of the miracle in the Quran. Let us look at He God has counted the number of all things. Therefore, watch out for a day when the sky brings forth a distinctive smoke that covers the people; this is a painful punishment.. Gog and Magog are mentioned in If you count the verses from Can we draw a payment out for you so that you would construct a barrier between us and them? The Hour end of the world is surely coming, I will keep it almost hidden, so that every person is paid for what he has strived. These words are very significant. They mean that the date of the end of the world will be hidden almost to the very end but will be revealed just before the very end of the world. The following example makes this matter clear: What these words mean is that I ran the marathon race and completed the majority of the distance but stopped very near the end of the race. Thus, it is correct to say, "I almost finished the race". When God says that the Hour end of the world will be kept almost hidden, the same logic applies, that the timing of the Hour will be kept hidden for the greater part of the existence of the world, being revealed very near to the end. Verse 87 in Sura 15, provides the code needed to calculate the date of the end of the world: Their interpretation is incorrect, and the Quran proves their error. The occurrences are in 4: The total gematrical value of these initials pinpoints the year of the end of the world. It is noteworthy that Verse 85 of Sura 15 states: The Hour is surely coming. The following verse, We have given you seven of the pairs, and the Great Quran"

4: Muslims Predict Jesus Will Defeat ISIS, Beginning in | HuffPost

Four Horsemen of Apocalypse of Islam Muslim orthodoxy does not encourage unrestricted intellectual inquiry, since it is deemed dangerous to the faith of the believer. The best knowledge that is accepted by the tradition, is the one that is helpful for the practice of Islamic beliefs, and ONLY Islamic beliefs.

Click to email this to a friend Opens in new window There is a connection between contemporary Muslim apocalyptic literature and jihadi movements. Both have a core belief in a grand anti-Semitic conspiracy theory designed to demonize the Jewish people. This theory has recently been exported throughout the Muslim world, where it fuels anti-Semitic tendencies and violent movements. Anti-Semitic and other conspiracy theories in the Muslim world are resistant to facts and even to education. Because these theories answer emotional needs, they are likely to keep growing in popularity. Anti-Semitism is a powerful force for radicalizing Muslims, and is even used in attempting to convince Christians to join in a grand alliance against the Jews. In doing so Muslims emphasize their belief that the Antichrist, or dajjal, is Jewish. Anti-Semitic themes are ubiquitous in contemporary Muslim literature. Although many of these are either academic or rabble-rousing in nature, those within the genres of jihadi or apocalyptic literature convey an imperative to act. Jihadi literature is either mainstream, associated with dominant religious groups or trends within Islam, or radical, associated with counterestablishment or radical reform groups in Islam. Both the mainstream and radical trends can be quite violent; often the establishment figures are co-opted by political elites who seek to use jihad or anti-Semitism to focus hatred on an acceptable target usually either Israel or the United States. These establishment figures, such as Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi, direct their violent and apocalyptic statements at these targets while discouraging revolution within the Muslim world. Radical figures, however, view these establishment religious leaders as essentially creatures of the West and subservient to the Arab and Muslim political elites, and seek to overthrow all of them together and radically reform the Muslim world. Anti-Semitism can be defined as characterizing Jews as an existentially evil force pursuing some sort of historically rooted, global conspiracy to dominate, manipulate, and change the world. Most of these conspiracy theories are based, or are intellectually dependent in one way or another, on The Protocols of the Elders of Zion. This document first appeared in Arabic translation in The Protocols, together with a wide range of attendant documents, provides an intellectual and sometimes even religious basis for anti-Semitic beliefs. The anti-Semitic conspiracy literature also ascribes to Jews a demonic power to influence people. From an Islamic standpoint, this means that Jews or their agents are trying to harm or alter Islam in a fundamental way. The idea that the Jews are trying to distort Islam evokes a wide and immediate response. What is most repugnant in the Muslim anti-Semitic literature are the sexual and blood-libel themes. Perverted sexuality is linked to Jews in caricatures and other images and in written texts. The Muslim Apocalypse Muslim apocalyptic literature describes a timeline of terrifying events that lead from the present to the end of the world. As far as anti-Semitism is concerned, the main focus is on the figure of the Antichrist, known in Arabic as the dajjal. The dajjal as well as his followers are said to be Jewish. In the classical Muslim apocalyptic literature, apart from this theme, anti-Semitic material is not extensive. But in the contemporary literature of this kind, anti-Semitism-stemming from the conspiracy theories of the Protocols and related works-is widespread. This literature now heavily emphasizes the dajjal, who his Jewish followers are, his alleged intellectual affinities with the various strands of Judaism, and what he is likely to do to Muslims and Islam. The overarching idea is that the Jews are striving to corrupt Islam and religion generally, and to impose Godless norms on the whole world. The global nature of the threat posed by the Antichrist leads Muslims even to try and convince Christians to join in a grand alliance against the Jews. Such literature is now highly popular throughout the Muslim world. Beginning in , this author has collected about documents from the Arabic-speaking world alone that are apocalyptic in nature. Often their covers feature lurid anti-Semitic caricatures in the style of European anti-Semitic literature. There may be a hook-nosed figure with claws inserted deep into a globe, or the dajjal with the Star of David dangling from his neck. Sometimes these sights are combined with other fabulist or pseudoscientific images. The Jew, then, is entirely alien, has hidden

apoclytes everywhere who are prepared to do his will, and rules the world through the United Nations. Each of these countries is either emerging from or still under authoritarian rule, and radical Muslims in them portray their leaders as tools of the Jews, who use them to fulfill the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. Various apocalyptic books are sold on the streets in these countries, almost all translated from Arabic. Although the primary source is Egypt, some also come from Saudi Arabia and Morocco. The translated volumes preserve the original covers. Anti-Semitic conspiracy theories are rapidly diffused in these countries and become part of the local environment. In Indonesia, even mainstream Muslim organizations such as the Muhammadiyah, with an estimated membership of thirty million, now speak of the dajjal, describing how he manipulates the Indonesian government and tries to destroy Islam in the country. Central Asia is even easier for apocalyptic writers. For example, the unpopular Uzbekistani government of Islam Karimov, which is the main literary focus of central Asia, is easily demonized as Jewish or said to be an agent of the dajjal. Small pamphlets on the topic are to be found all over Uzbekistan; despite the repressive regime, such material is available from local radical Muslims and radical websites. Literature of this kind is also widespread in Pakistan, usually not translated from Arabic. Material originally written in Urdu features the same conspiracy theories with a similar blend of traditional Muslim and contemporary anti-Semitic themes. This spills over into India, especially its Urdu-speaking Muslim population, particularly in Delhi and among Muslim communities in Kashmir and in the south. Linking Apocalyptic and Jihadi Literature In the Muslim community worldwide, the conspiratorial mindset prevails and is not subject to debate. Prevalent in the conspiratorial trend is a major tradition of radical Islam known as the hadith al-Thawban-the tradition of Thawban, one of the companions of the Prophet Muhammad. For radical and many other Muslims, this describes contemporary geopolitics. According to the tradition, Muslims at this apocalyptic time are numerous, but are weak because they have abandoned jihad and must reembrace it. There is overlap, then, when jihadi ideology is projected into the apocalyptic future. But the fit is not always good. Most radical jihadi organizations tend to be activist, whereas apocalyptic groups are sometimes deterministic, believing that it is God who will take care of matters. An example is the prophesizing of Sheikh Bassam Jirrar of Hamas, who predicted in that Israel would come to an end in , later revising this to several different years. Jirrar was severely criticized in Hamas for encouraging fatalism. Tensions between activist and determinist trends are common. Radical Muslims have made similar attempts at prediction usually focusing on the destruction of the United States. Most jihadi groups, however, are activist. Among the Believers The author first encountered the power of conspiracy theory when arguing with two Egyptian engineers in the Sinai in who insisted that then-President Ronald Reagan was a Jew. Conspiracy theories have special power as a belief system, an alternate universe. Evidence is irrelevant when confronting these notions. In this case, the facts that Reagan was Irish and that most American Jews did not vote for him or sympathize with him had no effect. The two engineers had been fully educated in the United States and were fluent in English. Education, too, tends to have no impact on conspiracy theories. The author encountered another example in Turkey in a country usually viewed as friendly toward the West and Israel. The holders of the conspiracy theories were a group of radical Naqshbandis, a highly orthodox strain of Sufis, in Istanbul. They did so via a spy, sent two hundred years ago, who implanted this belief system and thereby inflicted radical Islam on the rest of the world. This theory appears designed to relieve the Naqshbandis of any sense of responsibility for radical Islam, which they abhor, while placing the onus for its creation on a foreign nation. It was only later, when given five different tracts on this theory in an Istanbul book market, that the author realized how widespread it is. At least one of these works was in English, and others could be seen in Arabic and other languages such as Russian, Spanish, German, French, and Farsi. Conclusion Anti-Semitic conspiracy theories are at the nexus between Muslim apocalyptic and jihadi literature. Hatred of the Jews, the belief in their essential malevolence throughout history and at present, is the glue that holds these groups together, serving as a potent recruitment tool in outreach to uncommitted Muslims and to non-Muslim anti-Semites. The anti-Semitic conspiracy theories will continue to gain popularity because they answer emotional needs for many Muslims and others. He received his Ph. His areas of specialization include early Islamic history and development, Muslim apocalyptic literature and movements, historical astronomy, and Judeo-Arabic literature. Cook has completed Martyrdom in Islam for Cambridge University Press released in

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January and is working on a book together with Olivia Allison , Understanding and Confronting Suicide Attacks, focusing on the policy ramifications of radical Muslim suicide attacks for the United States. Cited in his Vilayat-i Faqih, in Islam and Revolution, trans. Hamid Algar Berkeley, CA: Mizan Press, , Syracuse University Press, , Dar al-Bashir, , cover. The Statements of Osama bin Laden, trans. Verso, ,

5: Radical Shia Eschatology, Iran's View of the End Times | the reproach of Christ

The vision of the 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse is very similar to the vision of Zechariah chapter 6. Zechariah chapter 6 is the great chapter about JOSHUA our GREAT HIGH PRIEST: And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.

In one Muslim prophecy, Islam conquers Europe. In another Muslim prophecy, Islam conquers the whole world: In the radical Shia version of Islamic eschatology, the end times is seen as a time of war, in which Islam succeeds in conquering Christians and Jews. This war is viewed as the path to an eventual domination of the whole world by Islam. Now you might object to this information about Muslim eschatology, saying that no nation is influenced or led by this type of apocalyptic theology. There have been repeated reports in the news media that the President of Iran, and some of the Ayatollahs who installed him in that position, are believers in a particular and very radical version of Muslim eschatology. Jewish author Joel C. Rosenberg writes the following: Those who persist in their disbelief and wickedness shall be killed by the soldiers of the Mahdi. The only victorious government in the entire world will be that of Islam and people will devotedly endeavor to protect it. Islam will be the religion of everyone, and will enter all the nations of the world. Otherwise, it is an Islamic religious obligation to destroy them. In the fundamentalist version of Islam, infidels non-believers can be put to death. An infidel is any non-Muslim, including Christians and Jews. But apostates, those who depart from the Muslim religion, are also subject to the death penalty. In the view of some extremists, the moderate believing and practicing Muslims are also apostates, because they criticize the fundamentalist version of Islam. They are to be killed. According to Islamic culture, sins are divided into great sins and little sins. Among the seventeen great sins, unbelief is the greatest, more heinous than murder, theft, adultery and so on. Those Muslims who disown or even criticize their faith publicly are likely to be accused of apostasy, a crime punishable by death under Islamic law – a penalty enforced by a number of Islamic states, including Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Sudan. According to author Joel Rosenberg: With a world population of about 7 billion, this percentage works out to roughly 4. A nuclear bomb or missile attack on a major city would only kill hundreds of thousands, or at most a few million, of the infidels. These radical fundamentalists are actually willing to kill billions of human persons, to kill all who refuse to convert. Author Reza Kahlili a pseudonym was born and raised in Iran. He is a convert from Islam to Christianity. Reza Kahlili received a copy of this propaganda video from his contacts in Iran. The purpose of the project was to inform Muslims across the globe of the immediate coming of the last Islamic messiah. The Iranian leaders, now more than ever, feel that all the stars are aligned for such event. This is a key sign indicating that the reappearance is near and serves as the initial preparation in the worldwide movement for The Coming of the last messiah. Based on this belief, the leaders of Iran see it as their duty to prepare the ground for The Coming. One of the most important events to securing the reappearance of the last Messiah, as called for in the Hadith, is the annihilation of Israel and conquering Beitol Moghadas Jerusalem. They state with conviction that Islam will soon conquer the world and all infidels will be destroyed. The producers are in the middle of translating it into Arabic with the purpose of mass distribution throughout the Middle East. Their intention is to incite further uprisings with the hopes of motivating Arabs to overthrow U. The video is making the point that, in order for this Islamic messianic figure to arrive and to establish a worldwide Islamic regime, Iran must take control of the Middle East, undertake a set of intense wars, conquer Israel, defeat the United States, conquer Europe, and so usher in the Muslim Apocalypse. I conclude that the leaders of Iran have an intense desire, motivated by both fundamentalist Islamic views and a radical version of Shia eschatology, to destroy Israel, attack the United States, and even conquer Europe. They are willing to kill millions of non-Muslims to accomplish this goal. But they cannot defeat Israel as long as the U. How could they defeat the United States, a much larger, wealthier, and more populous nation, which has a much more powerful military? And why is Iran speaking openly, and with such confidence, against Israel and the United States and Europe? The answer is that the leaders of Iran anticipate that they will soon possess nuclear weapons. More on this topic in my book:

6: List of dates predicted for apocalyptic events - Wikipedia

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There has been a great deal of mainstream media attention lately, both video and print, regarding the fact that ISIS is recruiting based on the promise that their fighters are actually participating in the rapidly approaching end of the world. They find more success attracting Muslims they call "losers" -- ignorant about their Islamic faith and marginalized by drugs, alcoholism, crime, mental illness or recent life-changing events. Given that, I think we can discount their validity of their "good-guy" claims, even despite their despicable and deplorable actions which should in themselves be sufficient. But even if we considered that they might be right about the impending apocalypse, what sort of events should the next few years bring according to confirmed Islamic eschatology? First, the Euphrates River should soon be uncovering a mountain of gold, with the Arabian Peninsula becoming filled with meadows and rivers. Then, some Muslims throughout the world will be inexplicably transformed into apes and pigs because of their attempts to make lawful some rather significant major sins. But if it does come true, what sort of a man is the Mahdi supposed to be? Muslim prophecies are actually frighteningly clear, and do seem to predict the current state of affairs in the Levant, hold out hope for the rest of us and promise an end to ISIS. At the end of time, a severe tribulation will descend upon my Ummah from their ruler. The inhabitants of the heavens and the earth will be pleased with him. The earth will not withhold any of its growth, but will bring it out, neither will the sky withhold a drop, but Allah will pour it out upon them in showers. He will live among them for seven years, or eight, or nine. The living will wish that the dead were brought to life again to witness the great good that Allah brought about for the people of the earth. There will be at the end of time a trial that will sort out men as gold is sorted out from metal. So do not revile the people of Sham, but revile their evil ones, for among them are the Abdal [great righteous people]. A flood is about to be released upon the people of Sham that will split their unity, so that even if foxes attack them, they would defeat them. At that time, a man from my household will come out with three banners. The one who estimates highly will say that they are fifteen thousand. And the one who estimates lower will say that they are twelve thousand. Their sign will be: Allah will kill all of them, and restore to the Muslims their unity and bounty, and their far ones and near ones. And what about Jesus? Can anyone conceive that that person --or Person-- when he --or He-- descends to lead us, could conceivably countenance the despicable and deplorable acts of ISIS? God Forbid, it could never happen, not even if the world ends tomorrow or lasts for another thousand years. Bottom line, I have served God and loved Jesus my entire life, and I followed Jesus into Islam when I realized I became a worse man by worshipping Him and a better man by following him. And my greatest hope for today is that Muslims and Christians are all starting to look forward to his return, because regardless of when that happens his example and his words can guide all of us to a better place together, with the help of God. Because regardless of what the next years bring or which faith we follow, we are all waking up and realizing that we all need Jesus, peace be upon him.

7: The 4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse are Getting Ready to Ride Again!!

Nazi perceptions of the Arab world Hitler's views on Arabs and Islam. In speeches, Hitler made apparently warm references towards Muslim culture such as: "The peoples of Islam will always be closer to us than, for example, France".

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interpretations of the Kabbala? Studien zur Philosophie und Theologie, Schlegel 1801, vol. Baudrillard concludes his work *The Gulf War Did Not Take Place* with a gesture that, perhaps, most definitively separates himself and Foucault from the kind of attitudes towards Islam found in Derrida and Nietzsche: Unlike Nietzsche, sect. War to the knife with Rome! The crucial stake, the decisive stake in this whole affair is the consensual reduction of Islam to the global order. Not to destroy but to domesticate it, by whatever means: This is the law of democracy and the New World Order. In this sense, the Iran-Iraq war was a successful first phase: Iraq served to liquidate the most radical form of anti-Western challenge, even though it never defeated it. When Baudrillard, p. Even in correctly ascertaining some of the real, underlying reasons for the Gulf War, Baudrillard cannot reinforce his assertions without resorting to age-old metaphors of irrational Arabs and hysterical mullahs. Once again, we have a critique which paradoxically challenges modernity whilst making explicit use of its vocabulary. As I have already said, the apocalyptic tones Baudrillard associates with Islam draw on a long medieval tradition, one which interpreted the coming of the Moors as a precursor to the Day of Judgement. The Turks were unconvertible, Luther wrote in ; they were a sign of the end of the Age. Part of the attraction of the Islamist for Baudrillard throughout *The Gulf War Did Not Take Place* is this ideological obstinacy of Muslims, the dialogue-proof impenetrability of their dogma. When Western culture sees all its values extinguished one by one, it spins inwardly towards the worst. Their principal significance was semiotic – the value of a signpost, warning of the end ahead. A common opposition to Western capitalism, unsurprisingly, brings both Slavic and Muslim, both materialist and 35 transcendental Orientals together in a common stand against US hegemony. In other words, yes, Islam is indeed not a religion like the others, it does involve a stronger social link, it does resist integration into the capitalist global order – and the task is to work out how to use this ambiguous fact politically. Whatever Islam might be, modern or not, its value clearly lies as an intermediate stage towards something else, an ancillary motion or transition phase towards some even more desirable outcome. Regardless of what form of socialism this outcome will entail, it is difficult to avoid the fact that Islam will vanish within it. Werke in zwei Bänden, Aufbau-Verlag, Berlin. Novalis Dichtungen, Rowohlt, Hamburg. Messianic Expectations from the Bible to Waco, E. The Borrowed Kettle, Verso, London.

8: Why does monotheistic messianic Religion look gleefully towards Apocalypse? : DebateReligion

The Bible presents a certain paradox when it comes to the end times. On one hand, we have Mark 32, which tells us "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor.

Speer reports that "Hitler had been much impressed by a scrap of history he had learned from a delegation of distinguished Arabs. Such a creed was perfectly suited to the German temperament. Hitler said that the conquering Arabs, because of their racial inferiority, would in the long run have been unable to contend with the harsher climate of the country. They could not have kept down the more vigorous natives, so that ultimately not Arabs but Islamized Germans could have stood at the head of this Mohammedan Empire. Then the Germanic races would have conquered the world. The Mohammedan religion too would have been much more compatible to us than Christianity. Why did it have to be Christianity with its meekness and flabbiness? This led him to discuss Palestine and the conditions there, and he then stated that he himself would not rest until the last Jew had left Germany. Kalid al Hud observed that the Prophet Mohammed ﷺ had acted the same way. He had driven the Jews out of Arabia ﷻ. We shall continue to make disturbances in the Far East and in Arabia. Let us think as men and let us see in these peoples at best lacquered half-apes who are anxious to experience the lash. Despite the Nazi racial theories which denigrated Arabs as members of an inferior race, individual Arabs who assisted the Reich in fighting the British for possession of the Middle East were treated with honor and respect. Mufti Haj Amin al-Husseini, for example, "was granted honorary Aryan" status by the Nazis for his close collaboration with Hitler and the Third Reich. The already tense situation in the Middle East was further complicated by the emergence of Jewish nationalistic aspirations. Arab hatred of the Jews and disappointment at the failed Arab hopes for independence led to bloody riots. At first purely anti-Jewish in nature and directed against the rapidly increasing Jewish immigration into Palestine, the uprisings were later aimed at Great Britain as the mandatory power. The situation continued to be unsatisfactory until the outbreak of World War II, when it was overshadowed by the crisis in Europe. When England declared war on Germany the Zionist organizations, which had actively supported the influx of Jewish immigrants in Palestine, at once proclaimed solidarity with Britain against Germany. Exploitation of the Arab Freedom Movement. The situation of the English in the Middle East will be rendered more precarious, in the event of major German operations, if more British forces are tied down at the right moment by civil commotion or revolt. All military, political, and propaganda measures to this end must be closely coordinated during the preparatory period. As central agency abroad I nominate Special Staff F, which is to take part in all plans and actions in the Arab area, whose headquarters are to be in the area of the Commander Armed Forces South-east. The most competent available experts and agents will be made available to it. In the first place, there is no such thing as Arabs. To speak in the singular of an Arab discourse is an aberration. The Arab world is driven by a multiplicity of points of view. At the time, one could single out four major ideological currents, which extend from western liberalism, through Marxism and nationalism, to Islamic fundamentalism. In regard to these four, two, namely western liberalism and Marxism, clearly rejected Nazism, in part on shared grounds such as the heritage of enlightenment thinkers, and the denunciation of Nazism as a form of racism, and partially because of their geopolitical affiliations. On this issue, Arab nationalism is contradictory. If one looks into it closely, however, the number of nationalistic groups which identified themselves with Nazi propaganda turns out to be quite scaled-down. There is only one clone of Nazism in the Arab world, namely the Syrian social national party, which was founded by a Lebanese Christian, Antoun Saadeh. The Young Egypt Party flirted for a time with Nazism, but it was a fickle, weathercock party. Massive programs of propaganda were launched in the Arab world, first by Fascist Italy and later on by Nazi Germany. The Nazis in particular focused on impacting the new generation of political thinkers and activists. Whoever has lived during this period in Damascus will appreciate the inclination of the Arab people to Nazism, for Nazism was the power which could serve as its champion, and he who is defeated will by nature love the victor. But our belief was rather different. They were particularly successful in recruiting several tens-of-thousands of Muslims for membership in German Schutzstaffel SS units, and as propagandists for the Arabic-speaking world. The range

of collaborative activities was wide. The official German notes of that meeting contain numerous references to combatting Jews both inside and outside Europe. The following excerpts from that meeting are statements from Hitler to the Mufti: Germany stood for uncompromising war against the Jews. That naturally included active opposition to the Jewish national home in Palestine, which was nothing other than a center, in the form of a state, for the exercise of destructive influence by Jewish interests. This was the decisive struggle; on the political plane, it presented itself in the main as a conflict between Germany and England, but ideologically it was a battle between National Socialism and the Jews. In that hour the Mufti would be the most authoritative spokesman for the Arab world. It would then be his task to set off the Arab operations, which he had secretly prepared. When that time had come, Germany could also be indifferent to French reaction to such a declaration. His espionage network provided the Wehrmacht with a forty-eight-hour warning of the Allied invasion of North Africa. The Wehrmacht, however, ignored this information, which turned out to be completely accurate. He is still a controversial figure, both vilified and honored by different political factions in the contemporary Arab world. But latest research on the massive and influential radio broadcasts was able to prove "that the texts were supplied by German personnel and not, as sometimes believed, by the reader[s] of the Arabic broadcasts [Despite the fact that his Arabic speeches were broadcast by Radio Berlin and he was always presented as a role model, al-Husseini did not have any influence on the broadcast content. The Arabs in general did not seem to have been partners with equal rights. Instead they were secondary recipients of propaganda and orders, Goldenbaum concluded. Cooperation never went beyond the emphasized common battle against colonialism. The Zionist narrative of the Arab world is based centrally around one figure who is ubiquitous in this whole issue—the Jerusalem Grand Mufti Hajj Amin al-Husseini, who collaborated with the Nazis. But the historical record is actually quite diverse. The initial reaction to Nazism and Hitler in the Arab world and especially from the intellectual elite was very critical towards Nazism, which was perceived as a totalitarian, racist and imperialist phenomenon. It was criticized by the liberals or what I call the liberal Westernizers, i. In fact, only one of the major ideological currents in the Arab world developed a strong affinity with Western anti-Semitism, and that was Islamic fundamentalism—not all Islam or Islamic movements but those with the most reactionary interpretations of Islam. They reacted to what was happening in Palestine by espousing Western anti-Semitic attitudes. The most significant practical effect of Nazi policy on Palestine between and , however, was to radically increase the immigration rate of German and other European Jews and to double the population of Palestinian Jews. During this period the League of Nations Mandate for the establishment of a Jewish Homeland in Mandatory Palestine to be used as a refuge for Jews was "still internationally recognized". The Gestapo and the SS inconsistently cooperated with a variety of Jewish organizations and efforts e. This precipitous increase in the Jewish Palestinian population stimulated Palestinian Arab political resistance to continued Jewish immigration, and was a principal cause for the " Arab revolt in Palestine , which in turn led to the British White Paper decision to abandon the League of Nations Mandate to establish a Jewish National Home in Palestine. At the same time the Zionists and other Jews would ally themselves to the British battle against Germany and the Axis, even while the British blocked the escape of European Jews into Palestine. Many of his followers, who had fought Jews and the English in Palestine, followed him and continued to work for his political goals. Among the most notable Palestinian soldiers in this category was Abd al-Qadir al-Husayni , a kinsman and officer of the Mufti who had been wounded twice in the early stages of the " Arab revolt in Palestine. Abd al-Qadir al-Husayni then worked with the Mufti to support the Golden Square regime, and consequently was sentenced to prison by the British after they retook Iraq. His fellow Iraq-veteran and German collaborator Fawzi al-Qawuqji became a rival general in that same struggle against Zionism. Felmy, after the Kristallnacht pogroms in November , most Jewish and Zionist organizations aligned with Britain and its allies to oppose Nazi Germany. After this time the organized assistance by the Gestapo to the Jewish organizations who transported European Jews to Palestine became much more sporadic, although bribery of individual Germans often help accomplish such operations even after official policy discouraged them. For instance, in June the Mufti recommended to the Hungarian minister that it would be better to send Jews in Hungary to Concentration Camps in Poland rather than let them find asylum in Palestine it is not entirely clear that the Mufti was aware of the Extermination

Camps in Poland, e. Auschwitz , at this time: I ask your Excellency to permit me to draw your attention to the necessity of preventing the Jews from leaving your country for Palestine, and if there are reasons which make their removal necessary, it would be indispensable and infinitely preferable to send them to other countries where they would find themselves under active control, for example, in Poland . We combatted this enterprise by writing to Ribbentrop, Himmler, and Hitler, and, thereafter, the governments of Italy, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Turkey, and other countries. We succeeded in foiling this initiative, a circumstance that led the Jews to make terrible accusations against me, in which they held me accountable for the liquidation of four hundred thousand Jews who were unable to emigrate to Palestine in this period. They added that I should be tried as a war criminal in Nuremberg. It had no legitimacy whatsoever when addressed to Nazi authorities who had cooperated with the Zionists to send tens of thousands of German Jews to Palestine and then set out to exterminate the Jews of Europe. The Mufti was well aware that the European Jews were being wiped out; he never claimed the contrary. Nor, unlike some of his present-day admirers, did he play the ignoble, perverse, and stupid game of Holocaust denial. His honour-pride would not allow him to justify himself to the Jews. Statements like this, from a man who was well placed to know what the Nazis had done constitute a powerful argument against Holocaust deniers. It is the duty of Muhammadans in general and Arabs in particular to drive all Jews from Arab and Muhammadan countries. Germany is also struggling against the common foe who oppressed Arabs and Muhammadans in their different countries. Rashid Ali sent an urgent appeal for assistance to Berlin, where the Wehrmacht High Command held a conference on 6 May to discuss measures to be taken to support the rebellion. It was decided to give Iraq all assistance possible and to intensify the war against Great Britain in the Middle East. Diplomatic relations between the Third Reich and Iraq were resumed. The former German Ambassador to Iraq, Dr. Grobba, returned to Baghdad. Fritz Grobba served intermittently as the German ambassador in Iraq from to , supporting anti-Jewish and fascist movements in the Arab world. Intellectuals and army officers were invited to Germany as guests of the Nazi party, and antisemitic material was published in the newspapers. The estimates of Jewish victims vary from less than to over killed, and from to wounded. Though these figures are debated in the secondary literature, it is generally agreed that over Jewish businesses were looted. The Futuwwa were commanded by Iraqi minister of education Saib Shawkat , who also praised Hitler for eradicating Jews. At the time of the Iraqi rebellion a number of Arab students residing in Germany had volunteered for duty in Training of the Moslems began immediately. The Arabs had a fair knowledge of German and showed themselves willing to learn One mistake that was made was to use as instructors Germans who had lived in Palestine and the other Middle East countries.

9: The Apocalypse in the Light of the Temple/Jerusalem and the End-times

What ISIS Really Wants. The Islamic State is no mere collection of psychopaths. It is a religious group with carefully considered beliefs, among them that it is a key agent of the coming apocalypse.

Islam and Apocalyptic There is power in apocalypse. All three of these components are present in a truly apocalyptic group, and serve to mold it together into a possibly though not necessarily destructive organism, to which the outside world is an enemy to be conquered and dominated. While all of the above is well known and obvious after studying any apocalyptic groups, the question before us is: Is Islam an apocalyptic faith, and if it is, then what are the ramifications for the outside world? A grasp of history is crucial to the understanding of the modern apocalyptic Muslim, because of the living nature of this past for him. Therefore, our discussion must start at the dawn of Muslim history. Many theories have been proposed in order to explain the phenomenal Muslim conquest of the entire ancient world, from Tours in France to the borders of China in Central Asia, during the period of a century. Some scholars dismiss the idea that religious belief was a primary or even a secondary contributing factor in these conquests. Yet this prejudice is very damaging to our present-day understanding, if only because contemporary Muslims themselves believe that their absolute faith in Allah and the unifying nature of Islam were the most important reasons for their successes. Here, one must read between the lines and understand, that absolute faith and unity were not enough to embark on the jihad. There had to be a third component to this equation: This is the component which will interest us here. It is not so important for us to know what historically impelled this conquest as to understand how the modern Muslim feels about his history. This conquest, called the jihad, is closely connected in the sources to apocalyptic beliefs. In this regard a tradition should be quoted: God sent me [the Prophet Muhammad] with a sword, just before the Hour [of Judgment], and placed my daily sustenance beneath the shadow of my spear, and humiliation and contempt upon those who oppose me. In Islam we have the first example of what an apocalyptic group can achieve when given a limited time limit to accomplish an impossible task: They almost made it. Since the most revolutionary idea present in fundamentalist Islam is that modern Muslims are reenacting the situation of the Prophet Muhammad, during the seventh century, and that all of the rest of the world, including the so called Muslim countries, are infidel. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that the feeling that an apocalyptic-jihad is necessary to correct things is very strong. For the contemporary Muslim the present world is a world turned up-side down. Everywhere his faith has lost ground as a result of colonial conquests and Christian missionaries, as well as representatives of cultural imperialism, such as the media they are frequently all grouped together. God has promised to Muslims that they are not only the recipients of the final abrogating revelation to the Prophet Muhammad, but that they will be crowned with worldly success and dominion as well. For over a thousand years from the perspective of the Muslim this was true. However, not even the most hardened traditionalist can deny the second or even third-class status of the Muslim today. Obviously God cannot be at fault for this situation- the Muslims themselves must be. The perception is that God is testing the chosen few just before the end of the world. They must prove their faith to God through worldly domination and the reestablishment of the God-ordained Muslim superiority. It is irrelevant to say, as some do, that the apocalyptic nature of Islam has been dormant for hundreds of years. This position is only useful as a defense mechanism. If apocalyptic tendencies are latent in a group or faith, and the tendencies begin to appear, then they are gradually going to influence everyone, whether consciously or not. Already much of the apocalyptic discourse has passed to other groups, even to those religious establishments for whom the apocalyptic groups have only contempt. Most scenarios start with the Arab-Israel conflict, as the basis for the end-time events, though some start with the Gulf War. At some time in the near future a demonic being, called the Dajal the Muslim Antichrist, will gain control over most of the world, with the exception of certain Muslim countries the lists of these vary, but are usually the most anti-western ones. This being will be a Jew and will control by means of a world-embracing conspiracy, after the fashion of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion. In general, apocalyptic believers state that this being, if not physically present in the world today, malevolently influences the course of events preparatory to his eventual revelation. An apocalyptic war is

postulated between the Dajal, who will lead the west and Israel, against the Muslims. Therefore, the opposition to "the west" is a religious imperative, because to accept western influence would be to accept the superiority of Christianity. Even for those who are perceptive enough to see the difference between a cultural and economic system the west and a religious system Christianity, to acknowledge any system other than Islam as the superior one would be unthinkable. Anti-western attitudes are generally expressed in the part of the apocalypse dealing with the moral symptoms of the end-times. These include a broad range of distasteful activities violence, immorality, etc. Economic influence is also decried, since the western economy is based on the taking of interest in loans, which is strictly prohibited by Islam. Therefore, a wide range of traditions are cited in order to "prove" that these are symptomatic of the finale, and to be attacked and resisted as much as possible. In general, the U. Most recent American Presidents notably Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton are said in one place or another to be agents of the Antichrist, and frequently threatened with punishment for their activities. The Antichrist is said to manipulate all of the countries in the west, but his headquarters is invariably in the U. American economic and cultural activities are said to reflect the agenda of this demonic being, for which God will punish the country by various methods earthquakes, nuclear attacks, etc. In a number of scenarios, the Muslims, after their conquest of Israel, go on to conquer Western Europe and the U. Especially incomprehensible to Muslims is the continual American support of Israel; generally this can only be explained by a Jewish conspiracy theory I have heard Egyptians and Palestinians who have insisted that all of the recent Presidents and members of Congress were Jewish, despite the evidence to the contrary. In the foreign policy realm the U, S. In the past there were frequently attempts to identify the U. This is in contradistinction to classical Muslim apocalyptic, in which Jews are mentioned rarely. However, one classical tradition mentions Jews and is widely quoted: Generally, it is assumed that the Dajjal rules the Jewish state directly and that it accomplishes his goals in this world. This scenario is useful in explaining a wide range of uncomfortable events, since through it the Muslims find themselves arrayed not against a tiny, despised, semideveloped country, but against a demonic figure who commands the allegiance of millions of people throughout the world, and is the master of unknown Satanic powers. In fact, they are generally declared to be infidels and collaborators with the west or Israel, and must be fought just like everyone else. For this reason so many Muslim terrorist groups target their own government, even governments not perceived as friendly to western eyes, and most especially the religious establishment. This latter is generally connected to the government economically, and are seen as traitors. They frequently receive the scorn and the bullets of the fundamentalists. These attitudes, unlike the material on the U. In other words, when there is a plethora of literature in the market on the end times or on the Antichrist or the Mahdi, can we expect for a figure or group to appear and put the material to use? Does a Hamas terrorist really read an apocalyptic pamphlet before picking up a bomb to commit suicide? Is he thinking that the end of the world is so close that there is no point in living, or that perhaps he is bringing the apocalypse closer to reality as he pulls the trigger? Unfortunately, there has been no real research in this area, and we really do not know what the answer to this question is. In my judgment, the closest analogy of the relationship of apocalyptic material to terrorist activities is that of pornographic material to sexual assault. While one cannot say that all obscene material leads directly to violent sexual practices, one can say that the vast majority of those who commit these actions have more than a passing acquaintance with pornography. Likewise, people of good will can come to opposite conclusions as far as the significance of the inciting material to the action. Suffice it to say that the apocalyptic causes of important events in the Muslim world cannot be denied. The Islamic Revolution occurred during the last year of the 14th century hijri, as did the apocalyptic revolt in the Masjid al-Haram in Mecca in Nov. Both movements used apocalyptic material to communicate the urgency of their reforming message. Hamas in the West Bank and Gaza is clearly an apocalyptic group, as is easily ascertained by the pamphlets and other literature it puts out, and its ideologists regularly use apocalyptic motifs in the propaganda war against the PLO and Israel. The beginning of the Intifada coincides with a prediction of the end of the world dating from 80 years ago. Both the Egyptian and Algerian fundamentalist movements use apocalyptic material regularly. The paucity of the research in this field impedes mentioning other movements, but one can say confidently that apocalyptic elements will be found in most, if not all, fundamentalist groups operative today.

Anyone who wishes to understand the huge influence which these groups have on the direction of Muslims will not be able to ignore them. Although the groups are frequently anonymous and unknown until they burst onto the world stage with some action, they cannot be accused of being secretive about their motives or beliefs. Leaflets, pamphlets, and books are available at every bookstand, and are frequently handed out in mosques. Much research remains to be done to ascertain what is the exact connection between the literature and the action, especially suicide attacks which require a strong ideological imperative.

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