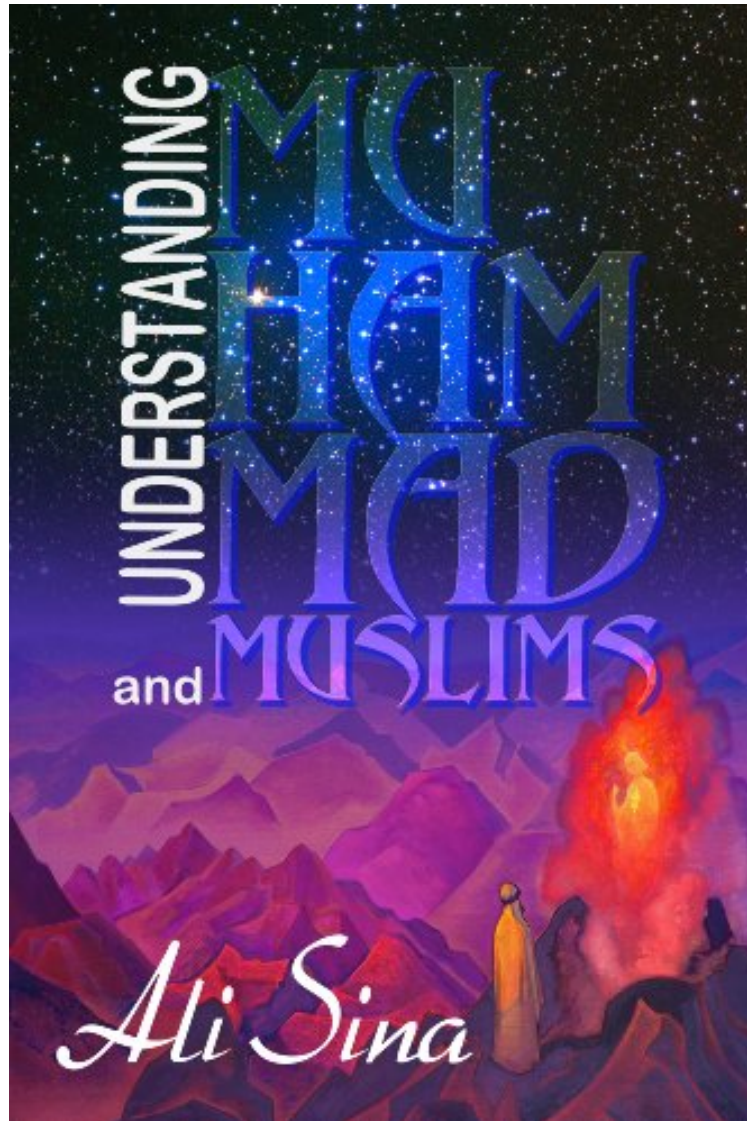


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Factually well researched yet emotionally taintedVon Danny AnsariAli Sina's personal prejudices and emotional bias does put a damper on this long-winded, in parts repetitive yet factually and historically well researched essay. While it is understandable for a Ex-Muslim Iranian to fear political Islam, one would expect less of a fear driven work from an otherwise well educated researcher such as Ali Sina. This book would have conveyed its core message a lot more

credibly and easier if not tainted by the authors fears and hate, as well as the unnecessary long and repetitive rants and warnings against Islam. I do recommend this book yet recommend to stay objective and do your own additional research. Thank you Mr. Sina for your efforts and yes, politics and religion, no matter which one, should never mix. The rule of the Church in the middle ages in Europe, the rule of High Priests in Jerusalem or the tyranny of Zoroastrian Priesthood during the Sassanid period are good examples. Secularity is the only basis for a fair, unbiased and just form of Government.

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Von Peter Uys

In this remarkably straightforward book Sina investigates the moral psychology of Islam's founder as revealed in traditional sources like the work of Ibn Ishaq, Ibn Said, Al-Bukhari and the Hadith Sira literature in order to reconstruct the personality of the prophet. He shows how the mind and behavior of its founder have shaped the religion to the present day. To understand the followers, one must understand the teacher. Each of the chapters examines some facet of his life and teaching. Sina argues that monotheism was not the original message; it was that he had been appointed as divine messenger and that people had to believe him. Sina considers Allah his prophet as the same personality. The commonsensical distinction between good and evil was replaced by the concepts halal (permitted) and haraam (forbidden) so that the ends always justify the means. In the Medina phase, his followers turned violent by committing assassinations to foster a climate of terror. That is the same modus operandi employed today. Terrorists follow this example by seeking supremacy through terror. There is no doubt in the minds of the perpetrators that the strategy works. Due to the precedents set by the founder and his ideological heirs, extremists believe that terror tactics will prevail everywhere. Before and during World War II, the Mufti of Jerusalem was a supporter of Hitler. Afterwards, many Middle Eastern regimes aligned themselves with the USSR. Later, the Italian translator and the Norwegian editor of Salman Rushdie's *Satanic Verses* survived assassination attempts whilst the Japanese translator and the Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh were less lucky. All totalitarianisms thrive on the Big Lie. Sina provides an arresting explanation of the big lie and the reasons why it so often succeeds. Just as absorbing are his diagnoses of illnesses like narcissistic personality disorder, temporal lobe epilepsy, obsessive compulsive disorder and acromegaly which is caused by excessive production of a growth hormone. The author explains why this combination of afflictions was taken as signs of prophethood and how it reflects the nature of the movement. With reference to figures like Jim Jones, Sina highlights the cultic nature of the new faith. Everything in Eric Hoffer's *True Believer* confirms this conclusion. These days many staunch defenders of the West like Ibn Warraq, Brigitte Gabriel, Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Wafa Sultan come from Asia or Africa, while many western Leftists collaborate with the enemy as Jamie Glazov proves so convincingly in *United in Hate*. Dismissing the hope of reform since violent conquest contempt for non-believers remain at the core, Sina claims that this notion of reform derives from a false analogy with Christianity. The deceptions of multiculturalism and political correctness promoted by western academics like Karen Armstrong and John Esposito are undermining the reality of the threat and the will to resist. Like Ibn Warraq, Sina argues that the Enlightenment, Renaissance and democracy are the foundations of civilization that need to be preserved. The Western one is a culture whilst the other is a cult. The rule of law, individual liberty and freedom of expression are under assault by a resurgence of the irrational and barbaric. The hour is late and the peril is ignored or denied by western leaders, the media and the intelligentsia. Other informative books on the matter include *They Must Be Stopped* by Brigitte Gabriel, *Cruel And Usual Punishment* by Nonie Darwish and the work of Robert Spencer.

Kurzbeschreibung

Peace cannot be attained as long as there are ideologies that promote hate. People don't naturally do evil. They do evil when indoctrinated. Good people do evil things when they perceive injustice. Often their perception is imaginary. Masses of people can be manipulated to believe that they are victimized. They then become filled with hate, seek revenge and commit atrocities while considering them-selves righteous and justifying every cruelty. Islam is one such a doctrine. Why are there no freedom of speech and no true democracy in any Islamic country? Why do they abuse and treat their women as objects? Why do all Muslim countries have dismal Human Rights record? Why they riot and murder innocent people over the silliest things? What drives so many of them to terrorism? Why they are constantly at war with everyone, and with each other? To understand Muslims, we must understand their prophet. Islam is Muhammadism. His biographers reported Muhammad used to withdraw to a cave and spend days wrapped in his thoughts. He felt spasms, heard bells ringing and saw ghosts. He thought he had become demon possessed, but his wife reassured him he had become a prophet. Convinced of his superior status, Muhammad was intolerant of those who rejected him, assassinated those who criticized him, raided, looted, and massacred entire populations. He reduced thousands to slavery. He raped, and allowed his men to rape their female captives. All of this, he did with a clear conscience and a sense of entitlement. He was magnanimous to those who admired him, but vengeful towards his detractors. He believed he was the most perfect human creation and that the universe was created because of him. Understanding Muhammad ventures beyond the stories. It unravels the mystique of the most influential, and yet the most enigmatic man in history. Muslims emulate their prophet. Only by understanding him can we know what makes them tick, and predict these most unpredictable people.

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Synopsis Why are some Muslims intolerant, violent and supremacist? Why do they bully? What spurs them to riot and murder over the silliest things? To understand Muslims, one must understand their prophet. This psychobiography seeks to unveil the mystery of the prophet of Islam. Historians tell us Muhammad used to withdraw to a cave, spending days wrapped in his thoughts. He heard bells ringing and had ghostly visions. He thought he was demon possessed, until his wife reassured him he had become a prophet. Convinced of his status, he was intolerant of those who rejected him, assassinated those who criticized him, raided, looted, and massacred entire populations. He reduced thousands to slavery, raped, and allowed his men to rape female captives. All of this, he did with a clear conscience and a sense of entitlement. He was magnanimous toward those who admired him, but vengeful toward those who did not. He believed he was the most perfect human creation and the universe's *raison d'être*. Muhammad was no ordinary man. This book ventures beyond the stories. Focusing on the "why" rather than the "what," it unravels the mystique of one of the most enigmatic and influential men in history.

Islam is Muhammadanism. Muslims worship and emulate Muhammad. Only by understanding him can one know what makes them tick. Understanding Muhammad begins with a brief history of his life. Muhammad had a loveless childhood. He then passed to the care of relatives who took pity on him and spoiled him. As the result he developed narcissistic personality disorder, a trait that made him a megalomaniac bereft of conscience. Muhammad believed in his own cause. Even when he lied, he felt entitled and justified to do so. Thanks to another mental illness, namely temporal lobe epilepsy, the prophet of Islam had vivid hallucinations he interpreted as mystical and divine intimations. He also suffered from obsessive compulsive disorder, causing his fixations on numbers, rituals and stringent rules. In the addition, he suffered from acromegaly, a disease caused by excessive production of a growth hormone resulting in large bones and odd facial features. The combination of his psychological disorders and his unusual physiognomy made him a phenomenon that set him apart from ordinary people. His uneducated followers interpreted his differences as signs of his prophethood. Like devotees of all cults, they rose to champion his cause with dedication. By defying death and butchering others they made Islam the world's second largest religion, now the biggest threat to world peace. The author argues that Islam is incompatible with democracy and human rights, and the only way to avert the clash between barbarity and civilization, and a world disaster, is to expose its fallacy and demystify it. "Muslims must be weaned from Islam for humanity to live in peace," says Ali Sina.