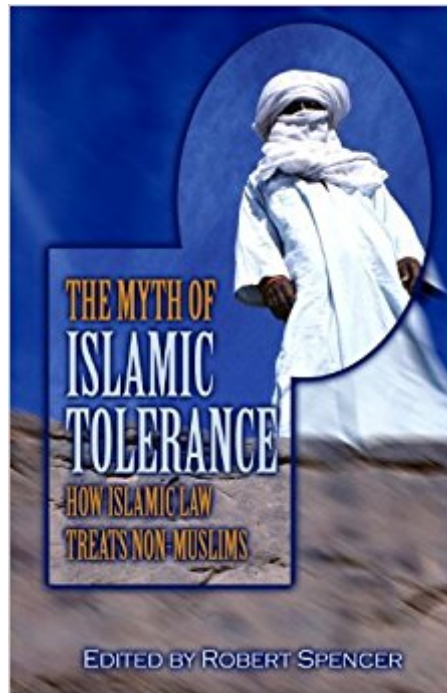




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The Myth Of Islamic Tolerance: How Islamic Law Treats Non-Muslims



Synopsis

This collection of essays by some of the world's leading authorities on Islamic social history focuses on the juridical and cultural oppression of non-Muslims in Islamic societies. The authors of these in-depth but accessible articles explode the widely diffused myth, promulgated by Muslim advocacy groups, of a largely tolerant, pluralistic Islam. In fact, the contributors lay bare the oppressive legal superstructure that has treated non-Muslims in Muslim societies as oppressed and humiliated tributaries, and they show the devastating effects of these discriminatory attitudes and practices in both past and contemporary global conflicts. Besides original articles, primary source documents here presented also elucidate how the legally mandated subjugation of non-Muslims under Islamic law stems from the Muslim concept of jihad – the spread of Islam through conquest. Historically, the Arab-Muslim conquerors overran vast territories containing diverse non-Muslim populations. Many of these conquered people surrendered to Muslim domination under a special treaty called dhimma in Arabic. As such these non-Muslim indigenous populations, mainly Christians and Jews, were then classified under Islamic law as dhimmis (meaning "protected"). Although protected status may sound benign, this classification in fact referred to "protection" from the resumption of the jihad against non-Muslims, pending their adherence to a system of legal and financial oppression, as well as social isolation. The authors maintain that underlying this religious caste system is a culturally ingrained contempt for outsiders that still characterizes much of the Islamic world today and is a primary impetus for jihad terrorism. Also discussed is the poll tax (Arabic jizya) levied on non-Muslims; the Islamic critique of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the use of jihad ideology by twentieth-century radical Muslim theorists; and other provocative topics usually ignored by Muslim apologists. This hard-hitting and absorbing critique of Islamic teachings and practices regarding non-Muslim minorities exposes a significant human rights scandal that rarely receives any mention either in academic circles or in the mainstream press.

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Customer Reviews

Spencer, author of *Islam Unveiled*, edits this collection that sets out to debunk the theory that Muslims are tolerant of non-Muslims. Although the theme merits exploration, this book does not clarify it. The essays' authors frequently cite jihad and dhimmi as intolerant principles within Islam, but do not define them. Vague references to these ideas do not explain why Islam is inherently intolerant. Several authors also quote the Qur'an out of context and describe Muslims with large generalizations. Yasser Arafat, of the PLO, is presented as representing Muslim attitudes—a characterization most Muslims would probably disagree with. Comments describing alleged troublesome behavior by Muslims lack sources and citations. Some authors ignore basic Islamic concepts; Bat Ye'or, for example, says that the dhimmi treatment was considered "justified by the superiority of the master-race," although the Qur'an strictly states though that all races are equal in Islam. The collection includes multiple essays by the same author, including 17 by Ye'or. The resulting repetition and monotone provide little insight and a disconnected feel. This book would have been more persuasive and less alarmist if it had excluded half the essays. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

This enlightening collection of essays by some of the world's leading authorities on Islamic social history focuses on the pervasive legal and cultural oppression of non-Muslims in Islamic societies. The authors of these in-depth but accessible articles explode the widely advocacy groups, of a largely tolerant, pluralistic Islam. In fact, the contributors lay bare the tyrannical legal superstructure that has treated non-Muslims in Muslim societies as oppressed and humiliated tributaries, and they show the devastating effects of these discriminatory attitudes and practices in both past and contemporary global conflicts. The insightful chapters presented in *THE MYTH OF ISLAMIC TOLERANCE* explain how the legally mandated subjugation of non-Muslims under Islamic law stems from the Muslim concept of jihad—the spread of Islam through conquest. Historically, the Arab Muslim conquerors overran vast territories containing diverse non-Muslim populations. Many of these conquered people surrendered to Muslim domination under a special treaty called dhimma in Arabic. As such, these non-Muslim indigenous populations, mainly Christians and Jews, were then

classified under Islamic law as dhimmis (meaning "protected"). Although protected status may sound benign, this classification in fact referred, most importantly, to "protection" from the resumption of the jihad against non-Muslims. The authors maintain that underlying this religious caste system is a culturally ingrained contempt for outsiders that still characterizes much of the Islamic world today and is a primary catalyst for jihad terrorism, jihadist-martyrdom bombers, and a Nazi-like racist antisemitism taught in school systems and propagated via the media. Included are Ibn Warraq writing about Edward Said and the "intellectual turbans" he has placed on today's academic establishment, forestalling honest discussion about Islamic tolerance; Bat Ye'or on the devastating effects of the dhimma, the system that actually defines the relationship between Muslims and non-Muslims in Islamic states; Walid Phares on the little-noted oppression of Middle Eastern Christians; and much more--including a devastating series of articles by UN expert David G. Littman on the advancement of Islamic intolerance at the United Nations and other provocative topics usually ignored by Muslim apologists. This hard-hitting and absorbing assessment of Islamic teachings and practices regarding non-Muslim minorities uncovers a significant human rights scandal that rarely receives any mention either in academic circles or in the mainstream press.

The Myth of Islamic Tolerance exposes the dangers that Islam poses to the world. Using a collection of essays by leading authorities, the author focuses on the cultural oppression of non-Muslims in Islamic societies. The author exposes the widely diffused myth promulgated by Muslim advocacy groups of a largely tolerant pluralistic Islam. The author exposes the tyrannical legal superstructure that has treated non-Muslims in Muslim societies as an oppressed and humiliated people. The Muslim concept of Jihad has spread Islam by conquest rather than by choice. Many of these conquered people who surrendered to Islamic domination exist under a special treaty called Dhimma in Arabic (meaning protected). However, this "protection" means only a protection from the resumption of Jihad against them and is in actuality a caste system that places all non-Muslims at its bottom. Even in countries that have a minority Muslim population this effect is being felt today. While being only 4% of the Danish population, (P. 300), in Denmark a Muslim group posted a \$30,000 bounty on several prominent Danish Jews. They also force marriages, promising their daughters to relatives in Islamic home countries, on pain of death if she refuses. Furthermore, Islamic leaders openly declare their goal of imposing Islamic law once Denmark's Muslim population grows to a certain point. Clearly this is an important book that needs the attention of everyone not interested in conquest by a religion that is extremely intolerant of other faiths.

I still reading it. There are a lot of clarifications and explanation. Robert Spencer is a scholar. He used fact and history. Because he is telling the truth, openly and clearly, he upset some people.

Great book! Destroys the lie that Islam is the religion of "peace." Describes Muslim atrocities and bigotry towards non-Muslims. A must read!

Another must read if you value your Grand children and the world they'll likely to inherit if we don't become educated fast.

Islam is responsible for more death than the Black Death and Malaria put together. This book only shows the tip of the ice burg that is Islamic jihad or violence commanded by Muhammed.

Some folks can not handle the truth as the expression goes, and Robert tells it like it is, not was

This important collection of knowledgeable essays and facts expanded my knowledge and understanding of the extent and roots of the Islamic INTOLERANCE epidemic at work in the world today. Kudos to Mr. Spencer for collecting and contributing to this important work. A definite "should read" for anyone wishing to expand their knowledge of Islam and Islamic violence.

I have spent 17 years working in Countries where Islam is the dominant religion. What this book points out is sad but true. If you are not a Muslim in an Islamic nation you have no rights. In Saudi Arabia Bibles are not allowed and confiscated. In Sudan you are killed. In Egypt you are a 3rd class citizen. The Q'uran not only teaches this type of behavior but more and more it is being acted out upon those who dare disagree. We need more books like this one for sure.

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