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Osman Ali says

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Tasneemali says

So I finally finished it, it took me time though. Sometimes I would stop because of distractions and other times just to ponder the meaning behind its ideas and ideologies. A very profound, enriching book in my

opinion!

Some points I learned, others got me thinking :

-There are two ways for how a Muslim living in Europe, America ... etc. perceives the west, its culture and civilization: *one being too positive as the ultimate success of humanity and as good as it gets for a civilization, so it makes perfect sense for it to rule and dominate the whole world.*The other being a very hateful, ungrateful look towards the west and its materialistic approaches , pushing Christianity away , atheism and related theories by people like : Stephen Hawking , Albert Einstein ... etc.

So all of the two are extremes with no reasonable, rational thinking of being coexisting with understanding what goes along with your believes and package and what not! I think such extremes are caused by lack or missing of identities, lack of profound thinking and psychological projections of an oppressed or defeated person.

-The book also argued: that a scientist proved statistically that there's always this huge gap and distance between the religious values of a nation and the one of its representatives in media... I always think of that, I see it in US and here, you find many people not agreeing or despising some Media icons and figures for their views and believes that they convey as the nation's believes too, they always have a feeling that those Media people have their own evil, secret agenda!!! Well I don't have an answer for that, but it fascinated me that something that I observed and many others did too was proven statistically, who knows what the answer is I wonder!

-It was mentioned that Said Qutb and Ibn Taymiya believed that Sufism had the impact of numbing Islam and its nation, that this dynamic lively religion by its nature was all about mystical dimensions now, hence it lost its capability of molding or designing a formula for Islam that adapts and evolve with the changing world.

-How the west and individualism looks at the liberal individual as its one and only goal vs. Islam that looks at the individual but also the whole society, so it takes in consideration the effect of a one thing that an individual could do on the whole society or community .For example: one would argue why would a certain girl wear a scarf?! do you think you're a target that everyone stops what they're doing and stares at you, that girls are everywhere, we all know what a girl looks like without a scarf and it's no big deal ,so how you wearing a scarf is going to change something or be of any difference ... well the way I see it is that Islam didn't take a look at every single individual to see who's goodhearted and who's not, so for the sick-minded people and the ones who don't think highly of women and could harm them in a way or the other starting from a harassing word for a girl passing on the street to raping .. Islam would ask all its women to wear Hijab so we protect the society as a whole, that being said, it doesn't mean that it is a perfect world after all – sick-minded people are everywhere- but when you compare lifestyles of Muslim countries to others and realize that some of the things that we call traditions are actually Islamic rules or approaches .I think you would see how it's really looks out for the whole and strives for the best scenario of righteousness, if applied well!

-Very very interesting new information that I got to learn : that how the different believes or denominations

in Christianity specifically differed in how they perceived Jesus ,him being of godly nature or not :

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And how then the idea of the trinity came to life, beginning in Egyptian mythology and then an emperor deciding it's the the right final say , shunning any other perceptions ,opinions and written work that contradicts it.

Maica says

I highly recommend the book. It is an insightful work that discusses most of the immediate issues that Islam and Muslims face in the modern world. At the same time, it proposes solutions on what Islam has to offer in relation to the current times, and what its future likely holds most especially in the postmodernism era.

Jennifer says

I didn't finish this book. The writing style is waaaay too complicated for such an already complicated subject ! Pity. Maybe I'll try again in another year or so.

Baher Alsibaie says

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