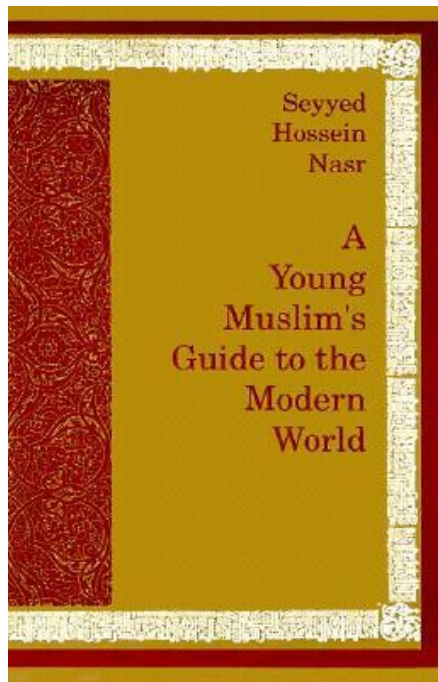




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This guide was written particularly for young Muslims, urging them to become familiar with their religion and to gain an understanding of the modern world from the Islamic point of view, in order to respond positively to challenges.

Nasr presents an exposition of the teachings of Islam, as revealed in the Qur'an, explained in the "Hadith" and "Sunna" of the Prophet Muhammad (Praise His Name) and commented upon by Muslim scholars and thinkers.

He also outlines the Western religious and intellectual tradition. The work goes on to challenge the youth of other religious traditions to become responsible and committed by recognizing the importance of their cultural identity.

The author's publications include "Ideals and Realities of Islam", "Science and Civilisation in Islam", "Muhammad - Man of Allah" and "Traditional Islam in the Modern World".

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What is great about this guide, is that it doesn't get involved in the dos and donts as much as it tries to encapsulate the whole of Islamic revelation, thought, history... One is beautifully reminded of the achievements of the Umma in the light of the revelation. The book has three major parts, the first concernz the concise minimum knowledge that a young Muslim should presumably apprehend jurisprudence schools madhahib, or kalam schools ahaarites, muatazilites... The second is dedicated to an bjective depiction of the modern world, from its roots and the evolution of the western civilization, including social, intellectual, educational even regarding the western lifestyle. (A brief exposé of each 'great ' philosopher of the western civilization) The last part consists of the author's suggestion to a better understanding of the modern world, in the light of the Islamic revelation.

Despite the unbearable pitfalls of the post modern era, the author remains positive about a possible change and amelioration of humanity's current state. SHN urges muslim scholars to get to know Western civilization, and deepen the superficial knowledge that we have of that civilization.

Ahmad Sharabiani says

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Ahmad Abdul Rahim says

A Young muslim's guide to the modern world adalah karya cendekiawan dn juga faylasuf muslim prof

sayyed hossein nasr. Buku ini bagi aku ibarat versi miniatur bg buku beliau yg satu lg islam in the modern world. Prof nasr masih meneruskan gaya penulisan beliau yg encyclopaedic itu. Pun begitu, ibarat itu pn tidak tepat kerana terdapat byk lg input2 tambahan yg membezakn ia dgn buku beliau yg disebutkn itu tadi.

Antara sebabnya aku fikir, adalah buku ini ditulis dgn bermatlamatkn sbg suatu risalah nasihat kepada anak muda. Ini berlainan dgn islam in modern world yg merupakan lebih kepada kritikan beliau terhadap dunia moden. Kerana itu, di samping bab2 lazim yg menceritakan ttg kepentingan nilai intelektual, spiritual, ethics dihidupkan kembali dgn sandaran tradisi2 islam, terdapat juga bab2 istimewa spt bab yg menceritakan ttg latar belakang agama kristian, bab yg menceritakan ttg profil2 tokoh2 pemikir yg telah mencorakkan dunai Barat (dan by extension, dunia moden), serta persoalan sains dn teknologi.

Buku ini essentially menerangkan ttg pertentangan antara dunia moden dan islam. Gol muda yg lahir di tengah2 kemodenan adalah yg paling terdedah kpd pesona modenism (dan semakim jauh dr islam), justeru diluncurkanlah buku ini.

Sekali imbas, ia merupakan tema2 yg sama diulang oleh gol islamis. Tetapi penulis ada menyentuh hal ini dn menegaskan bahawa topik dunia moden vs islam tak boleh di conflatekan semata2 kpd "western decadence" atau krisis dalaman barat (spt banyak wacana2 islamis). Itu tidak lebih drpd slogan2 lohong kerana tiada diagnosis lengkap yang diutarakan.

Apa yg prof sayyed hossein nasr cadangkan sebaliknya adalah, utk gol muda mengkaji dunia Barat (sbg pioneer modenisme) secara menyeluruh dn berkerangka, yg mana aku boleh simpulkan sbg konflik pencarian makna dn agama. Disinilah terletakny krisis dunia moden. Adapun manifestasi2 krisis ini dlm pendidikan, ekonomi, sosial, politik adalah secondary. Sekiranya ini difahami dgn betul, maka satu jalan keluar dapat dirajah dgn baik tanpa melahirkan bersamanya sikap2 fanatik.

Buku ini terbahagi kpd 3 bhg. Bahagian pertama menceritakan ttg asas2 dn esensi islam yg immutable dn mapan. Bhg kedua, ttg fenomena keagamaan, falsafah, politik, ekonomi dan seni di dunia Barat/moden. Dn bhg terakhir adalah blue print bg anak muda yg mahu menjaga keimanannya dgn utuh dlm dunia yg serba serbi moden dan tidak berTuhan ini. Nasihat2 yg terkandung dlm bhg ketiga ini adalah disusun dgn topik yg sama mengikut diagnosis2 masalah dlm dunia moden spt yg disebut dalam bab2 terdahulu.

Aku setuju dgn kawan aku, prof sayyed hossein nasr adalah melodramatik di dalam menerangkan permasalahan dunia moden. Tp content-wise aku tetap kekal bersetuju dgn prof nasr (tidak spt kawan aku td :p).

Nathaniel says

Given the title, I expected perhaps Mr. Nasr to provide arguments or learned perspectives for the young Muslim to utilize in his interactions with the non-Islamic, Modern West, which could be equally useful for the Western non-Muslim in understanding an educated Muslim perspective. Instead what is given is polemic.

The first half of the book is both interesting and enlightening, but Part II quickly devolves into a laundry list of things he's not terrible fond of. Some of his criticisms of the West are certainly true and valid, but when he talks about evolution being just "theory", "despite the fact that much biological evidence has been brought against [it:]", one must roll their eyes and concede that, indeed, he comes off as a "religious obscurantist",

not because he doesn't reject Islam and theism but because he so passively rejects the findings of biological science. Further, when he claims gay marriage is a "severe attack" against the family as a deviant "redefining" of marriage, and that abortion is a matter of "agnostic humanism [....:] consider[ing:] the individual to be the highest principle", he becomes simply and thoroughly insulting.

In the end, Nasr mostly forsakes the title of his book, presenting less a guide and more of an Islam 101 pamphlet with notes on Western decadence and accomplishments stashed inside. Nasr is a good writer and a needed voice in the Western world, but this particular book was a waste of time.

Bhetti says

I really adored this book. I felt this was a great starting point for highlighting the gaps in my knowledge about Islamic and Western intellectual traditions. By its broad strokes overview, I was given a foundation in which to approach what I am missing and for further reading.

Despite its lightning quick tour approach, I learned *so much* from it. The most important part was its contribution to me understanding philosophy and the importance of philosophy as well as everyday philosophical terms we use.

Nasr strongly criticises both muslims and the West. By the West, he does not mean the geographical countries or ethnicities but the dominant ideas and life attitudes that are unIslamic in their nature; these have invaded the Islamic world and prompted more conflicts themselves. It would be quite easy for a Westerner to take offence: this is because although Nasr criticises muslims, he has a clear love for Islam and everything he believes it stands for; he does not shy away from comparisons. The audience in mind are muslims, who wish to approach all from an Islamic worldview. The primary objective of his book is to highlight that, yes, an Islamic worldview is fundamentally not allied to a modern one -- East or West.

Highlighting where the conflicts begin and how they originate -- in subversive, hidden ways -- is the first step to understanding how to *be* Islamic in a modern world.

Hasanul Banna Siam says

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Javad Amiri says

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barat yang diceritakan dalam buku ini. Penulis dapat menjelaskan dengan bahasa yang lebih mudah difahami (bagi aku).

Suad Ahmed says

This book was important -- It could not have come at a better time in my life.

Taha rabbani says

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Nazmi Yaakub says

Bekalan kepada anak muda dalam menempuh kekalutan dan kekecohan dunia moden dalam erti kata kehidupan yang ditentukan oleh program falsafah Barat dan bukannya moden dalam erti kata kemajuan sains dan teknologi yang tipikal.

Meskipun, pemikiran Prof Seyyed Hossein Nasr adalah kepada falsafah perenial dan agama trasedental - yang sekaligus mempunyai kesan besar kepada agama khususnya Islam; tetapi pengalaman SHN yang berdialog dengan Barat, boleh memberi manfaat kepada pembaca dengan syarat memiliki pandangan alam Islam yang jelas.

Buku ini mengingatkan kita betapa pentingnya ilmuwan dan sarjana dari rahim dunia Islam melihat Barat dengan tepat dan tidak terburu-buru dalam membuat penilaian. Kesannya bukanlah semata-mata menyebabkan kerugian dalam erti kata tidak memperoleh impak positif daripada peradaban Barat, sebaliknya pandangan yang terburu-buru menyebabkan kita akan terperangkap dengan usaha Barat untuk 'membimbing' umat Islam dalam melihat kepada agamanya sendiri.

Jo says

I recommend this for either young Muslims who are Muslim by name, but haven't been raised and educated in the reality of Islam, or for young Muslims who have only been surrounded by Muslim communities and have little to no concept of the Western culture.

It's a book for those looking to reconcile their faith with their surroundings. However, there's not much new

material for those teens already well acquainted with Islamic concepts and the greater society around us.

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