

Knowing the Enemy

Jihadist Ideology
and the War on Terror

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Knowing the Enemy: Jihadist Ideology and the War on Terror, Mary R. Habeck, Yale University Press, 2006, 0300122578, 9780300122572, 243 pages. After September 11, Americans agonized over why nineteen men hated the United States enough to kill three thousand civilians in an unprovoked assault. Analysts have offered a wide variety of explanations for the attack, but the one voice missing is that of the terrorists themselves. This penetrating book is the first to present the inner logic of al-Qaḍḍā and like-minded extremist groups by which they justify September 11 and other terrorist attacks. Mary Habeck explains that these extremist groups belong to a new movementḍḍ,â€•known as jihadismḍḍ,â€•with a specific ideology based on the thought of Muhammad ibn Abd al- Wahhab, Hasan al-Banna, and Sayyid Qutb. Jihadist ideology contains new definitions of the unity of God and of jihad, which allow members to call for the destruction of democracy and the United States and to murder innocent men, women, and children. Habeck also suggests how the United States might defeat the jihadis, using their own ideology against them..

In defense of Islam in light of the events of September 11th, , 2002, , 142 pages. .

Global Islamic politics , Mir Zohair Husain, 2003, , 468 pages. The primary intention of this book is to explore, analyze, and explain global Islamic politics. In doing so, this text discusses the root causes, characteristics, consequences

Social justice in Islam , Sayyid Quḍḍā,â€•b, 1970, Law, 298 pages. .

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Encyclopaedia of Jihad, Volume 5 , Raj Pruthi, 2002, Religion, 1580 pages. .

Guests of the Ayatollah The First Battle in America's War with Militant Islam, Mark Bowden, 2006, History, 680 pages. Provides an account of the Iran hostage crisis during which fifty-two Americans were held hostage for 444 days, offering insights from the hostages, soldiers sent to free them

The Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam , Robert Spencer, Aug 1, 2005, POLITICAL SCIENCE, 270 pages. Presents a critical analysis of the differences between Christianity and Islam and maintains that Islam contains a political agenda which endorses violence and aggression

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From Rushdie to 7/7 the radicalisation of Islam in Britain, Anthony McRoy, 2006, Religion, 236 pages. .

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Warrant for Terror Fatwḍḍs of Radical Islam and the Duty of Jihad, Shmuel Bar, Jan 1, 2006, Political Science, 134 pages. Warrant for Terror examines fatwas, which are legal opinions declaring whether a given act under Islam is obligatory, permitted, or forbidden and which serve as a major

Debating the War of Ideas , Eric D. Patterson, John Gallagher, Dec 15, 2009, , 288 pages. The War of Ideas is being fought both within Islamic societies and between some Muslim voices and the West. The War of Ideas is a struggle between moral claims, political

