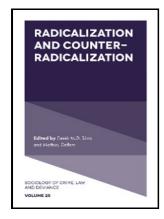
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Resistance is presented as the means to force Western behaviour to change and to expose the essential differences between the two modes of thinking.

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The list of apostates meriting death included the Shiite, Sufis and other Muslim denominations, whom Abd al-Wahhab did not consider to be Muslim at all. Salvation was achieved by work, and in such an environment social esteem and wealth would follow, Calvinists believed. The nineteenth- and twentieth-century obsessive pursuit of the centralised nation-state has been a tragedy that created millions of victims — as it did also in Europe and the US.

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The roots of this conflict are described in terms of religious themes that extend back over 500 years. This was not an ethos in which the nascent capitalism of the time could thrive: this was the evil that the Anglo-Saxon world defined then — and condemns as vehemently today in Islam. BEIRUT -- The dramatic arrival of Da'ish ISIS on the stage of Iraq has shocked many in the West.

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Khomeini understood very well what imperialism and Zionism stood for.

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Above all, Protestants in Europe and in America came to believe that Abraham, the common ancestor of all religions, symbolised this new insight. Emphasising that the Ottoman Empire did not share in Europe's semblance of coherence and common purpose, and consequently was held in European thinking to be 'decayed', threw into relief the western narrative of the inevitability of the 'rise of the West'. Showing a great apprehension of the Muslim Brotherhood, it must have been a bitter medicine for him to swallow when Egypt's new military dictator crushed the Muslim Brotherhood that was in thrall with Turkey, Qatar, and the US.

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This 'evil' was the evil of a religion — Catholicism — that 'refused the Englishman's desire for simple liberties. He argued that all Muslims must individually pledge their allegiance to a single Muslim leader a Caliph, if there were one.

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