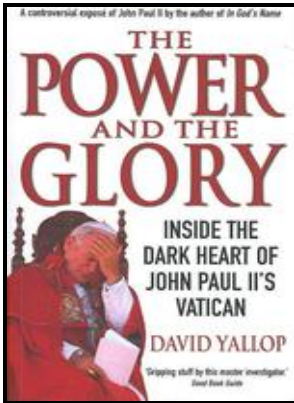


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Our intricate culture is not one of warring tribesmen harbouring ancient hatreds and practising medieval codes of honour. When specialization crosses a certain point, it becomes ridiculous. Afghanistan has one of the most convoluted and turbulent histories of any place on earth.

### Living in Afghanistan

It recalls an Afghanistan of young girls who skip to school, women who work in the potato fields without worry, tourists who hike in the mountains in the summers, and of the two giant Bamiyan Buddhas, who would watch benignly over the inhabitants of their valley as they have done for centuries. As Hamida explores her grandmothers life and death, she discovers her country anew and quotes poetry from another time, long forgotten by the people. Afghanistan history is complicated, tragic, and so broken by well meaning and not so well meaning powers that there is little hope for the people.

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Testimony by local Afghans validates that ordered the destruction and that, initially, Mullah Omar and the Afghans in Bamiyan opposed it. Part of it was even set in Khost.

### The History of Afghanistan's Bamiyan Buddhas

Gautama looked at the woman and knew that in this state of inflamed emotion, whatever he could say or do would not get across. It wasn't until she was in her mid-20s -- after two decades of war on Afghan soil -- that she felt the urge to return.

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