

# *Islam: Myth or Politics*

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Prominent Islamist have stated that the society we have is not worth the breath of a single politician born on this earth nor does it deserve to be led by the moderates or so called infidels. It is in their view, then, that the western styled politics is responsible for igniting the existing day conflict that we experience with fatal consequences of chaos and disorder in the world, which is quite ironic coming from the common western dominant point of view.



There has long been a cottage sector of Islamic historians who try to allocate blame for the outbreak of the World Wars. A lot has been written on this subject. I personally do not intend to take part in that sterile debate. Rather, focus on dimensions of culture and religion which led to the Islamic discourse which has in many ways altered the personality of the conflict. Most notably in this view was the introduction of the theory of martyrdom and jihad. Yet by

measuring up debates presented in different contributions it is quite possible to get a glimpse of the differences of opinion and thoughts between Muslim intellectuals from the majority Sunnis and the minority Shia.

Islamist conflicting views of the factors that underlie perceptions of Islam in the context of politics and religion. Islamist believe or claim that the Christian missionaries through their schools or system of education hypnotized and poisoned the minds of innocent Africans by implanting the myth of the predatory bearded Muslim suicide jihadi bomber which heavily impaired the image of Islam. Quite interesting to note the differences of belief between the Islamist in relation to Islam being a religion or a political establishment that was motivated by a desire to stifle western influence

So let me school you a bit on another concept, the instrumental theory argues that the conflict we subjectively experience is an artificial modern phenomenon, and invented by the elite, the Islamist identity is a creation and construction by people in power, the elite. This

concept also brings out the present day divide between Muslims and Christians due to issues of modernization that has made the Islamist and the Christians become socially aware of the differences among them for this reason, modernization contributed to the religious conflict by making the case against the Islamist quite obvious

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