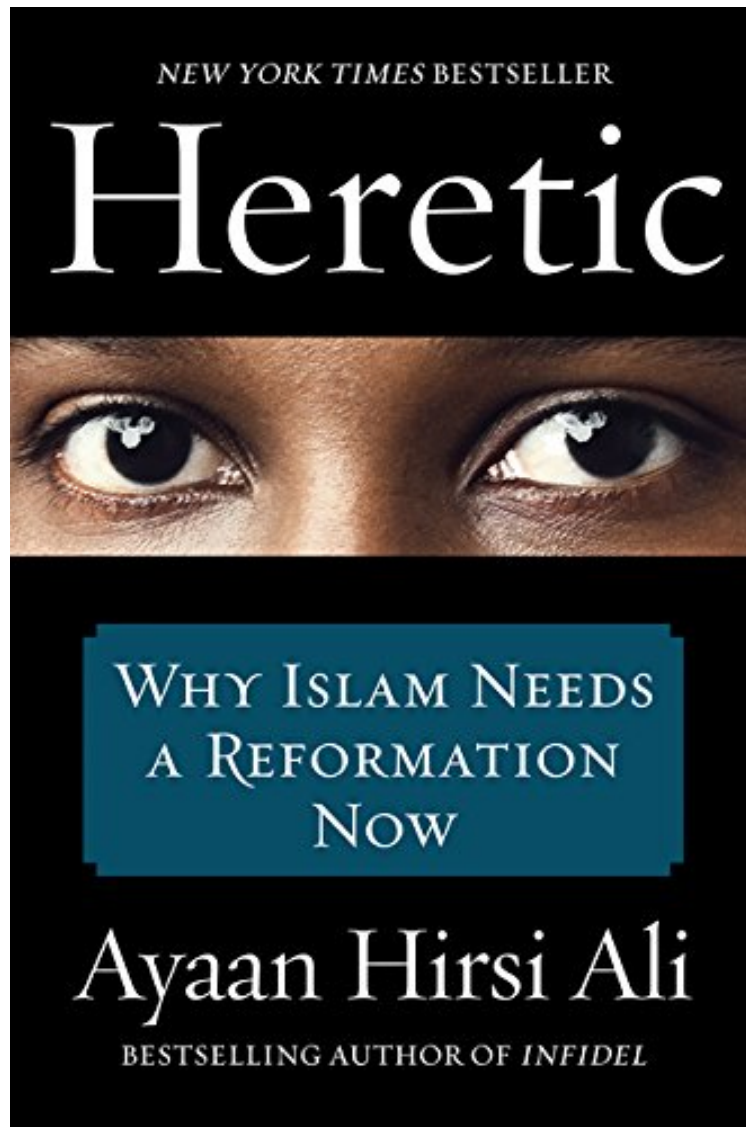


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and toward the non-Muslim world is uniquely insightful and, I hope, influential where it most counts in the Muslim world and among global political leaders, and among the rest of us who are not just along for the ride; we are involved. For me, on the basis of quite different experience from hers, Muslim civilization over the centuries divides differently--between its achievements in literature, visual art and craft, architecture, and spirituality, and the incessant violence and inhumanity of jihad today. Which is the true Islam? The honest answer is both--both the serenely glorious Taj Mahal and the insane massacre in Kenya. Islam is the Thousand and One Nights--among the greatest, funniest, most thought-provoking tales told on this Earth--and the beheadings. It is the fantastic carpets and rugs made by villagers, nomads, and teams of court artisans, and the blood endlessly spilled. It is the inspiring determination of young Malala and the disgusting determination of those who nearly murdered her because she champions education for girls. Ayaan Hirsi Ali wins the argument, in my view: it is time and past time for religious reform in Islam, so that the genius responsible for the books and carpets and supremely great buildings prevails over murderous chaos in the name of religion.

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A Bio: Ayaan Hirsi Ali was born in Mogadishu, Somalia. She was raised as a Muslim, and spent her childhood and young adulthood in Africa and Saudi Arabia and Nairobi, Kenya. In 1992, She came to the Netherlands as a refugee. She earned her college degree in political science and worked for the Dutch Labor party. She condemned Islam after the September 11th World Trade Center terrorist attacks. In the past she has been an elected Dutch parliamentarian. She distinguished herself by fighting for the rights of Muslim women in Europe, the enlightenment of Islam, and security in the West. In addition, Ayaan Hirsi Ali is a New York Times bestselling author of *Infidel*, *Nomad*, and *The Caged Virgin*. She is prominent speaker, debater, and journalist, she was chosen as one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people in the world. She is now a fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. She is the founder of the AHA Foundation, which fights female genital mutilation (FGM).

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1. the status of the Quran as the last and immutable word of God and the infallibility of Muhammad as the last divinely inspired messenger;
2. Islam's emphasis on the afterlife over the the here-and-now;
3. the claims of sharia to be a comprehensive system of law governing both the spiritual and temporal realms;
4. the obligation on ordinary Muslims to command right and forbid wrong;
5. the concept of jihad, or holy war.

(235) In conclusion, she says that it is imperative that the West should help the Muslim reformers rather than their persecutors. Not surprisingly, most Western leaders have appeared

front line Muslim invaders like The Muslim Brotherhood. Western leaders have done this by blacklisting and shaming these same reformers and specially trained educators and experts in Islamic law and tradition who are warning of the dangers of unbridled non-Muslim assimilation in the West. Every book written by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, should be read with serious attention. She came from Somalia to fight for our freedoms! Silence is an accomplishment to injustice. - Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Mr. Kettler is the owner of Undergroundnotes.com a conservative web hub and the author of the new book, *The Religion That Started in a Hat: A Reference Manual for Christians who Witness to Mormons* that is available at [.2 of 2](#) people found the following review helpful. Great Britain and the US By RJA Lenferna de la Motte I highly rate Ali's revelation regarding the impact of Islam's social, political and religious ideology highly, assuming that she is correctly portraying the texts and applications thereof to Muslims in general. Having read various other authors who write on Islam from Sunni, Shi'a, Quranic and Christian background, I find the Islam that Ali depicts to be consistent with these other authors and therefore believe that she is accurate in her portrayal. However, regarding her view as to the main catalysts behind the Protestant Revolt, which she calls the Reformation, the alleged 'tyranny' of the Church against non-Catholics during the Middle Ages, is being challenged and debunked by modern historians, including a number of Protestant historians. This is understandable for Ali not to be as well versed in Catholic Church history as she is with Islam; after all, as Ali recounts herself that she received her Western education in The Netherlands, Great Britain and the US, all historically Protestant states that have long been persecutors of Catholics in their own countries. It was not too long ago that Catholics were not admitted to Oxford University. US historians will recall that not too long ago in the US, signs such as "Catholics, Jews and Blacks need not apply" were not uncommon. This is why I rate her otherwise excellent and informative book as a four star effort and I will happily recommend this book to anyone wanting to understand Islam further.

Continuing her journey from a deeply religious Islamic upbringing to a post at Harvard, the brilliant, charismatic and controversial New York Times and Globe and Mail #1 bestselling author of *Infidel* and *Nomad* makes a powerful plea for a Muslim Reformation as the only way to end the horrors of terrorism, sectarian warfare and the repression of women and minorities. Today, she argues, the world's 1.6 billion Muslims can be divided into a minority of extremists, a majority of observant but peaceable Muslims and a few dissidents who risk their lives by questioning their own religion. But there is only one Islam and, as Hirsi Ali shows, there is no denying that some of its key teachings not least the duty to wage holy war are incompatible with the values of a free society. For centuries it has seemed as if Islam is immune to change. But Hirsi Ali has come to believe that a Muslim Reformation a revision of Islamic doctrine aimed at reconciling the religion with modernity is now at hand, and may even have begun. The Arab Spring may now seem like a political failure. But its challenge to traditional authority revealed a new readiness not least by Muslim women to think freely and to speak out. Courageously challenging the jihadists, she identifies five key amendments to Islamic doctrine that Muslims have to make to bring their religion out of the seventh century and into the twenty-first. And she calls on the Western world to end its appeasement of the Islamists. Islam is not a religion of peace, she writes. It is the Muslim reformers who need our backing, not the opponents of free speech. Interweaving her own experiences, historical analogies and powerful examples from contemporary Muslim societies and cultures, *Heretic* is not a call to arms, but a passionate plea for peaceful change and a new era of global toleration. In the wake of the Charlie Hebdo murders, with jihadists killing thousands from Nigeria to Syria to Pakistan, this book offers an answer to what is fast becoming the world's number one problem.

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work with much reasonability and significant knowledge of the subject matter (Carel Peeters, Vrij Nederland) We ignore her quill to our shame and peril. (Katherine Ernst, City Journal) Hirsi Ali offers a fine example for the braver souls among us. (Michael Totten, Commentary) From the Back Cover A charismatic figure . . . [who writes] with quite astonishing humor and restraint. Christopher Hitchens In the New York Times bestselling *Heretic*, Ayaan Hirsi Ali argues that it is foolish to insist that the violent acts of Islamic extremists can be divorced from the religious doctrine that inspires them. Instead we must confront the fact that they are driven by a political ideology embedded in Islam itself. She makes a powerful case that a religious reformation is the only way to end the terrorism, sectarian warfare, and repression of women and minorities that each year claim thousands of lives throughout the Muslim world. Today, Hirsi Ali argues, the worlds 1.6 billion Muslims can be divided into a minority of extremists, a majority of believers who are not violent but tacitly condone extremism, and a growing number of dissidents who risk their lives by questioning their own religion. As Hirsi Ali shows, there is no denying that some of Islams key teachings not least the duty to wage holy war inspire violence not just in the Muslim world but in the West as well. Ayaan Hirsi Ali believes that a Muslim Reformation a revision of Islamic doctrine aimed at reconciling the religion with modernity is at hand, and may even already have begun. Boldly challenging centuries of theological orthodoxy, she proposes five key amendments to Islamic doctrine that Muslims must make if they are to bring their religion out of the seventh century and into the twenty-first. The Wests role should be to support the reformers rather than their persecutors. About the Author Ayaan Hirsi Ali is the New York Times bestselling author of *Infidel*, *Nomad*, and *The Caged Virgin*. A prominent speaker, debater, and journalist, she was chosen as one of Time magazines 100 most influential people in the world. She is now a fellow at Harvard Universitys John F. Kennedy School of Government. Hirsi Ali is the founder of the AHA Foundation.