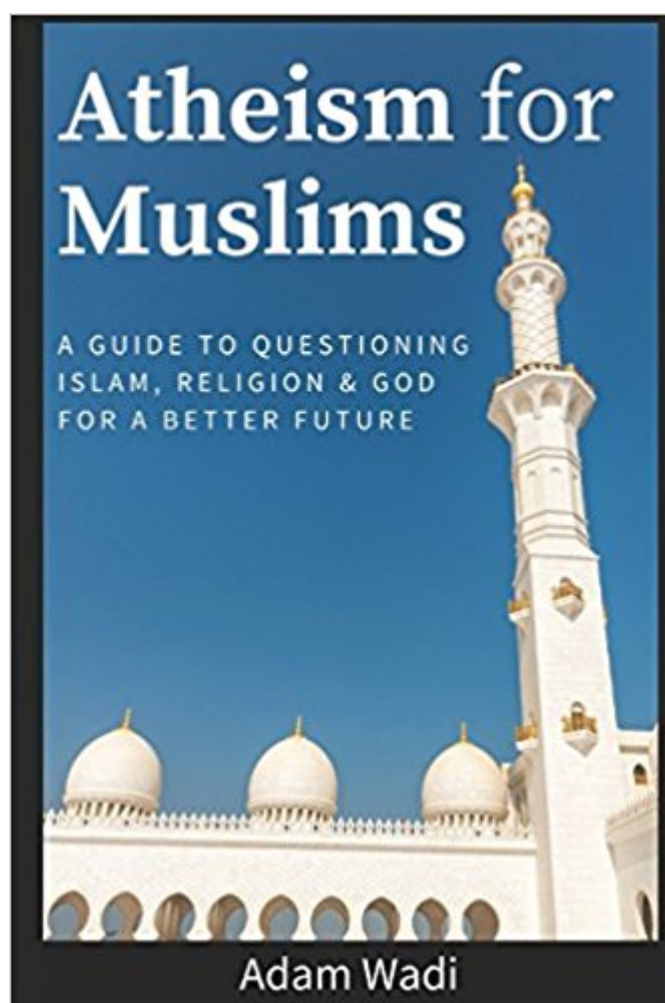


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Atheism For Muslims: A Guide To Questioning Islam, Religion And God For A Better Future



Synopsis

"WARNING - Only read this book if you're ready. If you're Muslim, I'm going to question everything you and your family believe about Islam" In a book, the first of its kind, researcher, and ex-Muslim Adam Wadi writes with compassion and brutal honesty explaining to his mother and father why he left Islam in this 'atheist confessional'. Providing direct and piercing arguments, Wadi uncovers why we think we need religion, Islam's flaws as a religion, and why God likely does not exist. Join Wadi on a journey of discovery, challenging commonly held beliefs such as: Why religions are so popular The Quran's credibility Prophet Muhammad as a role model The Prophets' stories: Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses & Jesus Religion's battle with science Women's rights The fear of Sharia law Gay Muslims Alcohol, cigarettes and sex in Islam Islamic Terrorism Censorship in Islam Islamization of the world Morality, spirituality and the meaning of life without religion and many more topics to provide you with the comprehensive collection of arguments against following ancient laws in a modern world. Citing historians, scientists and the Quran throughout, Atheism for Muslims is a compelling compilation of talking points about Islam, the existence of God, and our desire for a better future. Scroll to the top of the page and select the buy button to learn more

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Atheism for Muslims by Adam Wadi is a very thought-provoking book that describes the author's personal account of growing up in a religious household and culture and what it was like for him to let go of his deeply rooted beliefs. I've read many of the well-known atheist authors from the late, great Christopher Hitchens to Daniel Dennett to Richard Dawkins, but none of them expressed what Wadi did in terms of the feelings of loss that is involved in separating oneself from one's belief. Wadi even used the renowned Kubler Ross model to deal with grief (five stages of dealing with loss starting with denial, anger, bargaining, depression and finally acceptance, not necessarily in that order. I may even have gotten the Kubler Ross order wrong.) I can relate to this in my life because unlike Hitchens or Dawkins, I am not content as an agnostic. I would like to believe. I just lost someone very precious to me a few months ago and I would give anything in the world to embrace the comforting concept of an afterlife but I just can't or rather I continue to struggle with the improbability of it all. That is a terrible loss compared to the rest of my family who all believe that this person is somewhere with the angels. Kudos to Adam Wadi for being brave enough to write a book that will cause a great stir in his community.

Adam Wadi chose to embark on an examination of his Muslim faith given to him as a child. The examination was thorough and turned him into an atheist. This was a difficult journey for him for many reasons, one of them being that the traditional Muslim approach to non-believers is extreme and violent. Clearly, he undertook this journey because he believed seeking truth was essential for his personal contribution to humanity to be a positive one. He wrote this book, then, not only

because he knows how hard this journey is and believes his experience will help others who might want to set out on the same journey. It is clear also that he wrote this book because he believes that an examination of religious faith and tradition is of particular importance at this moment in time for the future well-being of our species and the survival of our planet. In particular, he shows his concern that the talent and intellect of too many of the Muslim faith, trapped in the words of an ancient text, may be going untapped in a world that sorely needs their contribution for the advancement of humanity. For the non-Muslim reader, this book is an excellent ground-level textbook for understanding the history and current worldwide status of the Muslim religion and culture. This is in no way a harsh book; its tone is measured and scholarly with a warm heart.

As an ex-Christian atheist, I'm not the target audience for this book, which is very clear from the title. I already strongly believe that ALL religions are false. The author is very positive in his criticism of Islam, maintaining that anybody can believe whatever they desire as long as they respect others. The best part of this book is the authors' printing actual scriptures from the Quran to show how difficult they are to understand and how they contradict each other, even though Islam maintains that the Quran is God's word. Muslims believe that the Quran is perfect and cannot be altered or even criticized, even though there are passages that say that later passages supersede earlier ones. Also the hadith, written years after the Quran appeared, explain or interpret and expand on passages in the Quran. Also, there are thousands of different interpretations of what those obtuse scriptures really mean to say, many have to be interpreted as to context of WHEN they were written. With 50 chapters this author covers everything from God, Quran, Muhammed, other prophets like Jesus and Moses and Adam, hadith, women, children, sex, slavery, homosexuality, terrorism, treatment of non-Muslims, apostasy, sharia law, evolution, science, and polygamy in relation to Islam. He finishes by explaining how living a life without religion can be managed. I can only criticize that he is being too easy on Islam. Because this author grew up in a loving family that practiced "moderate" Islam, and he is probably male, he seems to have no knowledge of what a lot of Muslims, especially females, face growing up. Hannah Shah in "The Imam's Daughter" grew up in England of Pakistani parents. She claims Muslim children had to memorize the Quran by rote in a language unknown to them, punished severely if they failed to perform adequately. She was horrifically abused by her Imam father, received no support from mother or siblings, and threatened with death by her father and brother for apostasy and had to sever all contacts and move from area. Ayaan Hirsi Ali ("Heretic" and "Infidel") almost died from a genital mutilation sanctioned by her grandmother at age 5 and had to defect from her country to

avoid an unwanted arranged marriage, she has 24/7 security for her protection because of death threats since leaving Islam and speaking out. Muslim apologists say that these are "regional" or "cultural" problems, not typical of Islam. I say the culture is Islam, the problem is blindly following the Quran and listening to false sermons, authors like this need to speak up for logical analysis of this "holy" book. As long as Quran/Muhammad criticism or not following sharia law or leaving Islam calls for physical punishment, the radicals will always drag out nonsense to justify violence. Ms. Ali's book cites 5 tenets of Islam that are incompatible with modernity and reprehensible to humanity. Can those just be ignored like Christians do with violent Bible passages, when the Quran and Muhammad are averred to be perfect and untouchable? They can be temporarily ignored, somewhat like Turkey does, but the future looks bleak, torn apart by this "religion of peace".

I have read several books on this topic mostly from a Judeo-Christian approach. It was nice to have the opportunity to hear yet of another perspective on this topic from a viewpoint not too commonly seen - Islam. This book gives yet another insight to what I find has been most difficult for many, regardless of religious background, and that is the leaving of a tradition embedded into the psyche from childhood. Adam does a great job of not leaving the non-Muslim out of the discussion as he does a nice job referencing the challenges from all Abrahamic viewpoints when appropriate. I admire the courage Adam had in reaching his decisions about the spiritual. From what I have seen (which is limited) I am sure it was extremely challenging. If for no other reason, I recommend this book if you are a fan of the memoir. The personal story interwoven into the topic makes for a compelling read.

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