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Berbicara tentang Indonesia dan tantangan global, kita tidak sedang berbicara tentang ekonomi Indonesia yang terus tumbuh, atau Indonesia yang kini masuk G20 karena GDP yang tumbuh mengagumkan pula, tapi mesti juga berbicara fakta global bahwa 7,7 juta orang kaya yang memiliki kekayaan lebih dari 1 juta dolar AS, jumlah kekayaan mereka mencapai 28,9 triliun dollar AS, tetapi tragis pada saat yang sama 840 juta orang di dunia menderita kelaparan, enam juta anak dibawah usia lima tahun meninggal setiap hari karena kelaparan. Sebanyak 1,2 miliar orang di dunia bertahan hidup dengan pendapatan kurang dari 1 dollar AS setiap hari. Sebanyak 12 juta orang meninggal setiap tahun karena kekurangan air dan 1,1 miliar tak mempunyai akses air bersih. Ditambah fakta 40 juta orang mengidap AIDS dan lebih dari 113 juta anak di dunia berkembang tidak mengenyam pendidikan dasar, ini permasalahan global dan Indonesia adalah salah satu bagian penyusun didalamnya. Kita juga mesti memperhatikan aspek pembangunan nasional yang masih tak merata.permalalahan lingkungan dan konflik agraria, serta dinamika pemerintahan yang masih diwarnai pertikaian elit politik dengan segudang janji-janjinya. Tiada yang lebih pulitis daripada membicarakan kebenaran di negeri ini. Sejumlah manifesto dan janji-janji politik kekuasaan makin mewabah tanpa disertai kemampuan membuktikannya. Buku ini merekam buah pemikiran penulis dalam kondisi realita negeri ini selama kurang lebih satu dekade terakhir, ada catatan suka dan duka, ada kisah roman yang sesekali mewarnai aktivitas didalamnya. Semua dirangkai menjadi satu untuk menjaga tetap lestari cita-cita mewujudkan Nusantara Jaya.

An introduction to the debates within the field of Islamic studies regarding the interpretation of the Qur'an and its relevance to contemporary issues in the modern world.

Food sustains life. Since the beginning of time, it has underpinned our existence. Every day, in every country around the world, it continues to do so. While once food comprised the humble gatherings of hunters in caves, today it has been elevated to an obsession, loathed and adored, craved and crammed in equal measure. Some people eat to live, others live to eat. In an age where we consume up to 285 pieces of content just via social media on a daily basis, information needs to be easily accessible, quick to the point and captivating. This is the age of the infographic, where statistics, facts and knowledge are made easily available and understandable. Taste will explore the complex, colourful and at times controversial world of food, through a collection of thought-provoking, stimulating and beautifully-crafted infographics. Accessible and authoritative, it will cover everything you need to know about food â?? from its origins to its consumption, weird and wonderful traditions, mealtimes and trends â?? as well as startling, challenging and unusual facts. Our content will have authority and wit, chart history and predict trends, and will be complemented by beautiful naturally styled imagery and fact-packed illustrations. From Christmas lunch to curry, pizza to Pavlova, and bagels to burgers, Taste will inform and inspire. Our readers will be information hungry but time poor. They want to eat good food, they want to know good food, but they want it quickly and they want it now. They want to feel travelled without leaving home. It took love, care and attention to create but will ultimately be consumed in a matter of minutes by an eager foodie. Food is the one global language that always translates.

While Christians love to focus on a gentle, tender Jesus, Harlow offers an unforgettable reintroduction to the true character of Jesus and invites us to get to know the savior who was gracious but also blunt, sometimes sarcastic, and wildly passionate about bringing people to the heart of God. We often don't know what to do with the Bible's stories of Jesus' righteous rage. Yet the truth is, while the Son of God was loving and tender, his words could be equally sharp and biting. The same man who said, "Love your enemies" (Matthew 5:44) also said, "You snakes, how will you escape being condemned to hell?" (Matthew 23:33). With compelling storytelling and enlightening examinations of Scripture, Tim Harlow journeys through the gospels and looks at what, and who, ignited Jesus' anger. He guides us through instances of Jesus' anger in response to the barriers people put up: in the temple, where money changers literally denied access to the Father, especially for the non-Jews and the poor; during his teaching, when little children were denied access; on the Sabbath, when religious leaders put rules above relationship and suffering above healing; and many more. What if, Harlow asks, by coming to understand God's holy anger, we come to know a savior we never knew before? How can we respond like Jesus when good intentions, prejudices and judgments, traditions and rules, and selfish and joyless people conspire to keep others from God's presence?

In the Name of God

What Made Jesus Mad?

1-4 (2012)

The Guide to Being Glorious You

Checking In

Malay politics in Malaysia

The Role of Religion in the Modern World: A History of Judeo-Christian and Islamic Tolerance

Across the Muslim world today, if anything is self-evident across the Muslim world today it is that the Ummah is badly in need of reform. On this point it can be stated with confidence that Muslims are agreed. Poverty and injustice characterize the face of Muslim lands from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Pollution and corruption are the order of the day in the societies where the gulf between them and the developed countries of the world has never been wider. Politics in the Muslim world are all too often the politics of deprivation, and culture the culture of despair. “Crisis in the Muslim Mind” examines the intellectual and historical roots of the malaise that has encompassed the Ummah and threatens to efface its identity. Firs published in Arabic in 1991, this important work (in an abridged English translation) is designed to familiarize educated and concerned Muslims with the nature of the crisis confronting them, and to suggest the steps necessary to overcome it.

Join corporate executive and leadership speaker Nona Jones as she takes you on a personal journey of healing from the past so you can move forward with freedom and hope. Many of us aspire to achieve status, wealth, and notability in the hopes that those things will erase the pain of our past. But for those who have experienced trauma, like Nona Jones, success requires more than a changed mindset—it requires repairing a broken spirit. Nona was appointed to an executive role with a Fortune 100 company at only 23 years old. Since then, she has led award-winning initiatives in public affairs, brokered multimillion-dollar business deals, addressed the United Nations, and championed juvenile justice and education policy reform in the halls of Congress—all before she turned 35. Then, in one of the biggest wake-up calls of her life, Nona realized that her past battles were waging a present war. Though she tried to push away the memories, her childhood trauma continued to affect her emotionally, spiritually, mentally, and physically—until she made a pivotal decision. Success from the Inside Out charts the course of Nona’s breakthrough—a course that can also lead you out of the storms of your past or present. Through her own remarkable story and insights, Nona helps you: Claim victory at the place where the defeat happened Recognize ways you use work to cover up inward brokenness Still the voices in your head that say you aren’t good enough Choose fulfilling success instead of empty success Map your mile-markers toward your biggest goals Push through brokenness into a breakthrough Praise for Success from the Inside Out: "Nona Jones's transparency and insight into her most painful experiences will undoubtedly help readers overcome their darkest experiences so they can experience all the goodness and success that is waiting for them on the path to redemption and empowerment!" --Laila Ali, author, TV host, champion boxer, and CEO "In Success from the Inside Out, Nona Jones shows us that God's grace is strong enough to lift us up when we have no strength left with which to stand. This book is for anyone who needs freedom from their past to fully embrace their future." --Bishop T. D. Jakes, New York Times bestselling author and senior pastor of The Potter's House of Dallas

NEW EDITION, REVISED AND UPDATED When it comes to creating ideas, we hold ourselves back. That’s because inside each of us is an internal editor whose job is to forever polish our thoughts so we sound smart and in control and so we fit into society. But what happens when we encounter problems where such conventional thinking fails us? How do we get unstuck? For Mark Levy, the answer is freewriting, a technique he’s used for years to solve all types of business problems and generate ideas for books, articles, and blog posts. Freewriting is deceptively simple: start writing as fast as you can, for as long as you can, about a subject you care deeply about, while ignoring the standard rules of grammar and spelling. Your internal editor won’t be able to keep up with your output—you’ll generate breakthrough ideas and solutions that you couldn’t have created any other way. Levy shares his six secrets to freewriting as well as fifteen problem-solving and creativity-stimulating principles you can use if you need more firepower—seven of which are new to this edition. Also new to this edition: an extensive section on how to refine your raw freewriting into something you can share with the world.

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Power to Rise from the Past to a Fulfilling Future

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Planning, Policy, and Complexity

Islam and the Arab Awakening

A Love Letter Life

Nothing gets our attention like an unmade decision: Should I accept the new position? Which schooling choice is best for my kids? How can I support my aging parents? When we have a decision to make and the answer isn’t clear, what we want more than anything is peace, clarity, and a nudge in the right direction. If you have trouble making decisions, because of either chronic hesitation you've always lived with or a more recent onset of decision fatigue, Emily P. Freeman offers a fresh way of practicing familiar but often forgotten advice: simply do the next right thing. With this simple, soulful practice, it is possible to clear the decision-making chaos, quiet the fear of choosing wrong, and find the courage to finally decide without regret or second-guessing. Whether you're in the midst of a major life transition or are weary of the low-grade anxiety that daily life can bring, Emily helps create space for your soul to breathe so you can live life with God at a gentle pace and discern your next right thing in love.

In the 11th Century AD there was a great deterioration in Muslim’s belief and observance of the Shariah as a result of the evil influence of AlFarabi and IbnSina’s Neoplatonic philosophy, of Shia Batinism , of false Sufis and evil religious scholars. It was at this time of laxity in beliefs and practices that Abu hamid Muhammad Al Ghazali (D 505 Hijri) flourished as a renewer (Mujaddid) of the deen and as one of the greatest intellectuals of Islamic history. Well versed in almost all major intellectual disciplines of the time, Al-Gahazali refuted the prevailing false beliefs completely and fully exposed the wrongness of existing practices. As substitutes to these, he presented a belief system following the Ashari Sunni tradition and a system of practices in the light of the Quran and the Sunnah, Fiqh, Sufism and his own thoughts and experiences. This system of practices may be called Al Ghazalisi theory of Islamic guidance, an aspect of which is set forth in the Present work.

One of the most important developments in the modern history of the Middle East, the so-called Arab Spring began in Tunisia in December 2010, bringing down dictators, sparking a civil war in Libya, and igniting a bloody uprising in Syria. Its long-term repercussions in Egypt and elsewhere remain unclear. Now one of the world’s leading Islamic thinkers examines and explains it, in this searching, provocative, and necessary book. Time Magazine named Tariq Ramadan one of the most important innovators of the twenty-first century. A Muslim intellectual and prolific author, he has won global renown for his reflections on Islam and the contemporary challenges in both the Muslim majority societies and the West. In Islam and the Arab Awakening, he explores the uprisings, offering rare insight into their origin, significance, and possible futures. As early as 2003, he writes, there had been talk of democratization in the Middle East and North Africa. The U.S. government and private organizations set up networks and provided training for young leaders, especially in the use of the Internet and social media, and the West abandoned its unconditional support of authoritarian governments. But the West did not create the uprisings. Indeed, one lesson Ramadan presents is that these mass movements and their consequences cannot be totally controlled. Something irreversible has taken place: dictators have been overthrown without weapons. But, he writes, democratic processes are only beginning to emerge, and unanswered questions remain.

What role will religion play? How should Islamic principles and goals be rethought? Can a sterile, polarizing debate between Islamism and secularism be avoided? Avoiding both naive confidence and conspiratorial paranoia, Ramadan voices a tentative optimism. If a true civil society can be established, he argues, this moment's fragile hope will live.

A momentous and diverse anthology of the influences and inspirations of Yiddish voices in America—radical, dangerous, and seductive, but also sweet, generous, and full of life—edited by award-winning authors and scholars Ilan Stavans and Josh Lambert. Is it possible to conceive of the American diet without bagels? Or Star Trek without Mr. Spock? Are the creatures in Maurice Sendak ’ s Where the Wild Things Are based on Holocaust survivors? And how has Yiddish, a language without a country, influenced Hollywood? These and other questions are explored in this stunning and rich anthology of the interplay of Yiddish and American culture, edited by award-winning authors and scholars Ilan Stavans and Josh Lambert. It starts with the arrival of Ashkenazi immigrants to New York City ’ s Lower East Side and follows Yiddish as it moves into Hollywood, Broadway, literature, politics, and resistance. We take deep dives into cuisine, language, popular culture, and even Yiddish in the other Americas, including Canada, Argentina, Cuba, Mexico, and Colombia. The book presents a bountiful menu of genres: essays, memoir, song, letters, poems, recipes, cartoons, conversations, and much more. Authors include Nobel Prize–winner Isaac Bashevis Singer and luminaries such as Grace Paley, Cynthia Ozick, Chaim Grade, Michael Chabon, Abraham Cahan, Sophie Tucker, Blume Lempel, Irving Howe, Paula Vogel, and Liana Finck. Readers will laugh and cry as they delve into personal stories of assimilation and learn about people from a diverse variety of backgrounds, Jewish and not, who have made the language their own. The Yiddish saying states: Der mentsh trakht un got lakht. Man plans and God laughs. How Yiddish Changed America and How America Changed Yiddish illustrates how those plans are full of zest, dignity, and tremendous humanity. Most of all, the book shows us that Yiddish, far from being an endangered language, is more vibrant than ever. Praise for How Yiddish Changed America and How America Changed Yiddish: “ A wide-ranging, eclectic anthology of work by Yiddish writers. Stavans and Yiddish Book Center academic director Lambert have assembled an impressive collection of essays, fiction, drama, memoir, poetry, cartoons, and interviews, all showing how ’ Yiddish is so deeply woven into the fabric of the United States that it can sometimes be difficult to recognize how much it has transformed the world we live in today. ’ ... Among all these are some stunners—e.g., ‘ Oedipus in Brooklyn, ’ a story by Blume Lempel (1907-1999) that begins with the line, ‘ Sylvia was no Jocasta. ’ Emma Goldman (1869-1940) writes fiercely about marriage, which she compares to an ‘ iron yoke. ’ In a poem about Coney Island, Victor Packer (1897-1958) writes, ‘ Beauty and crudity / Go hand in hand and / Launch a united front / Right there are on the sand. ’ [Cynthia] Ozick (b. 1928) compares Sholem Aleichem to Dickens, Twain, and Will Rogers. ‘ He was a popular presence, and stupendously so. His lectures and readings were mobbed; he was a household friend; he was cherished as a family valuable. ’ For readers unfamiliar with Yiddish writing, a revelation; for readers and aficionados of the language, a treasure. ” —Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review “ For many people, this will be a poignant, surprising, and engrossing introduction to the epic survival story of a singular culture, requiring no foreknowledge of Yiddish, by two of the field’s luminaries. For those of us whose grandparents spoke and understood, and whose parents only understood—no need to explain that we do neither—this book is the way back to a language that once meant everything. ” —Boris Fishman, author of A Replacement Life and Savage Feast “ This volume is not a chronological exploration of the Yiddish language in America. Instead, the editors offer portions of some of the major works of Yiddish literature, poetry, comics, and political thought, by writers including Isaac Bashevis Singer, Chaim Grade, Cynthia Ozick, and Sophie Tucker, among others. A delightful chapter concentrates on culinary offerings with some recipes included. Finally, a fascinating chapter focuses on the influence of Yiddish in Canada, Argentina, Cuba, Mexico, and Columbia, offering a glimpse of Yiddishkeit outside Eurocentric views. VERDICT A wonderful compilation sure to please new and old lovers of Yiddish culture, Jewish history, and linguistics. ” —Library Journal “ Who could resist the lure of a jar of kosher dills on a bright yellow book cover? Not I. In addition to the pickles what the cover promised was a certainty that the work represented on its pages, between essays, fiction, poems, cartoons, etc., would be co-chosen by the indefatigable Ilan Stavans, whose work I have followed for years. Divided into six parts, starting with ‘ Politics and Possibilities ’ and ending with ‘ The Other Americas, ’ one cannot help but be amazed by the breadth of Yiddish documents that have been found and preserved from the past, while marveling at the more contemporary writers who have added richness and are keeping Yiddish alive. This book is utterly fascinating and a true cultural artifact. ” —Lucy Kogler, Literary Hub “ Stavans and Lambert, both accomplished scholars, aspire to something far more substantial than the Yiddishisms and Jewish jokes that have come to be associated with Yiddishkayt in American pop culture.... [T]he reader is offered an astonishingly rich and diverse selection of poems, stories, memoirs, essays, plays, letters, conversations, recipes and reminiscences, as well as drawings, cartoons and posters by Yiddish artists, each one refracting a different point of view and a different point of light. ” —Jonathan Kirsch, Jewish Journal

Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire

Heaven and Hell

The Global Divergence of Democracies

The Infographic Book of Food

Miracles and Other Reasonable Things

Quranic Schools

The concept of mentoring and information on the role of caring adult–youth relationships in fostering positive development for young people are presented and explored.

"Based on the New Oxford dictionary of English"--Preface.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER; More than 100,000 copies sold! More than 2.3 million people watched as Jeremy and Audrey Roloff shared their vows and committed their lives to each other. Now for the first time, the former co-stars of TLC's hit show Little People, Big World share their imperfect, resilient, and inspiring love story. As Jeremy and Audrey write, if you can fall into love, you can fall out. True love is something you choose to live out each day through your actions, decisions, and sacrifices. To find and still seek, now that is love. From the moment you meet your potential spouse, you can be intentional about shaping a beautiful love story, uniquely written for who God created you both to be. Whether you're single and searching, in a serious dating relationship, or desiring to love your spouse better, Jeremy and Audrey equip you to pursue an intentional, creative, and faithful love story by sharing theirs. The journey to their wedding day was the culmination of a bumpy and complicated dating relationship. From health problems, to emotional walls, to being separated by one thousand miles, the couple faced daunting obstacles. But their unique approach to dating empowered them to write an uncommon love story and prepared them for married life. Because as beautiful as their wedding was, the Roloffs made a point to prepare more for their marriage than their wedding day. Told through both Jeremy's and Audrey's voices, A Love Letter Life tells a passionate and persevering story of relatable struggles, hard-learned lessons, practical tips, and devout commitment. In these pages, they . . . Encourage you to stop settling for convenient relationships Offer perspective on male and female differences in dating Tackle tough topics like purity Give their nine rules for fighting well Suggest fun ideas for connection in a world of technology And provide fresh advice on how to intentionally pursue a love story that never ends.

This report examines cross-border collaboration on innovation, building on case studies of cross-border areas that include the following countries: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Estonia, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, United Kingdom and Ireland.

Joining the Caravan?

Gender in Political Theory

A Story of Unlearning and Relearning God

Accidental Genius

Revival of Religion's Sciences (Ihya Ulum ad-din) 1-4 Vol 1

A Simple, Soulful Practice for Making Life Decisions

Success from the Inside Out

This wide-ranging and accessible book provides a thorough overview of the key debates in gender and political theory.

Kehadiran Partai Kadilan dalam wacana gerakan keagamaan di Indonesia cukup unik. Meski dapat digolongkan sebagai bagian gerakan modernisme Islam, kelompok yang mulai sebagai "Gerakan Dakwah Kampus (GDK)" ini, agak sulit dicarikan akar hubungannya dengan gerakan keagamaan Islam yang pernah ada di Indonesia pada masa lalu. Kehadirannya berhubungan erat dengan pengaruh gerakan Islam

Internasional yang berkembang di Mesir, yaitu Ikhwanul Muslimin, yang dalam dua dasawarsa terakhir abad ke-20 pengaruhnya sangat terasa di berbagai negara di dunia. Dalam kurun waktu tersebut, gerakan yang dimotori oleh anak-anak muda terdidik yang berbasis di perkotaan ini mampu memberi andil dalam proses pembentukan opini dan kecenderungan religiokultural publik. Diterimanya secara luas simbol-simbol keagamaa, seperti pemakaian busana muslimah (jilbab), adalah salah satu dari keberhasilan gerakan ini. Setelah lebih dari satu dasawarsa bergerak di bidang ini maka, bersama dengan terciptanya momentum reformasi, gerakan ini membidik perjuangan struktural pada level negara, dengan mendirikan Partai Keadilan. Sejak itu, Partai Keadilan menjadi fenomena tersndiri dalam langit perpolitikan Indonesia. [Mizan, Noura Books, Nourabooks, Partai, Politik, Negara, Demokrasi, Islam, Indonesia]

Presents a genealogy of the social networks and power struggles of the major influential group of Indonesian educated Muslims called 'intelligentsia'.

“This book—the fullness, depth, and beauty of Sarah Bessey’s faith and artistic genius—is a miracle” (Glennon Doyle, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Love Warrior) and an unforgettable and life-affirming exploration of how trauma can strengthen your faith and miracles can be found in unexpected places. In the brief instant Sarah Bessey realized that her minivan was, inevitably, going to hit the car on the highway on the bright, clear day of the crash, she knew intuitively that it would have life-changing consequences. But as she navigated the winding path from her life before the accident—as a popular author, preacher, and loving wife and mother—to her new life after, inhabiting a body that no longer felt like her own, she found that the most unexpected result was how it shook her deeply rooted faith, upending everything she thought she knew and held so dearly. Weaving together theology and memoir, Sarah delivers “a well-written reminder of seeing the miracles in life’s highs and lows” (Library Journal). The road of healing leads to Rome where she met the Pope (it’s complicated) and encountered the Holy Spirit in the last place she expected. She writes about her miraculous healing, learning to live with chronic pain, and the ways God makes us whole in the midst of suffering. She invites us to a path of knowing God that is filled with ordinary miracles, hope in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary, and other completely reasonable things. Insightful, profound, and unexpected, “Sarah’s writing is so breathtaking, sometimes you think you are reading poetry. The story is so thrilling, sometimes you think you are devouring a novel. And the Spirit she describes is so compelling, you’ll swear you experienced a revival. You won’t put it down once until you close the last page” (Jen Hatmaker, New York Times bestselling author).

A History of the Afterlife

Tourism and Political Change

Time Tactics of Very Successful People

How Getting Real about Depression Saved My Life---and Can Save Yours

Collaborating Across Borders

Indonesian Muslim Intelligentsia and Power

Fenomena Partai Keadilan

With contributions by more than thirty of the world's leading scholars of democracy, this volume presents the most comprehensive assessment available of the state of democracy in the world at the beginning of the new millennium.

“I need help.” Those three words saved Grammy Award-winning singer Michelle Williams’s life. After decades of sweeping her anxiety and depression under the rug—even during her years in the spotlight with Destiny’s Child—Michelle found herself planning her own funeral. Realizing that she needed immediate help and could no longer battle her anxiety and depression alone, she checked herself into a treatment facility. When she came home, she was energized and determined to check in on a regular basis with herself, God, and others. Practical, engaging, and full of wisdom, Checking In helps us understand that building walls around our vulnerability can hinder our healing; we need to reject the lies of anxiety and depression and replace them with the truth of God’s Word; joy can be found when we release toxic thought patterns; childhood wounds need to be healed; freedom can be found when we forgive ourselves and others; and a beautiful life comes from living honestly. An uplifting, behind-the-scenes look at one woman’s path to healing, Checking In reminds you that you are not alone, and that God is not yet finished writing your story.

In this timely, much-needed book, theologian, social psychologist, and activist Christena Cleveland recounts her personal journey to dismantle the cultural “whitemalegod” and uncover the Sacred Black Feminine, introducing a Black Female God who imbues us with hope, healing, and liberating presence. For years, Christena Cleveland spoke about racial reconciliation to congregations, justice organizations, and colleges. But she increasingly felt she could no longer trust in the God she’d been implicitly taught to worship—a white male God who preferentially empowered white men despite his claim to love all people. A God who clearly did not relate to, advocate for, or affirm a Black woman like Christena. Her crisis of faith sent her on an intellectual and spiritual journey through history and across France, on a 400-mile walking pilgrimage to the ancient shrines of Black Madonnas to find healing in the Sacred Black Feminine. God Is a Black Woman is the chronicle of her liberating transformation and a critique of a society shaped by white patriarchal Christianity and culture. Christena reveals how America’s collective idea of God as a white man has perpetuated hurt, hopelessness, and racial and gender oppression. Integrating her powerful personal story, womanist ideology, as well as theological, historical, and social science research, she invites us to take seriously the truth that God is not white nor male and gives us a new and hopeful path for connecting with the divine and honoring the sacredness of all Black people.

This book presents special hints on how to make your business strategy more effective. It reveals the business strategies of market leaders plus the strategies of the underdogs who wants to be leaders but without investing too much capital. They still get great results to ensure the security of their business.

Searching for the Messiah

Live in Grace, Walk in Love

The Foundations of Science

Islamic Development Management

A 365-Day Journey

Towards a Contemporary Approach

Rediscover the Blunt, Sarcastic, Passionate Savior of the Bible

A groundbreaking book on the history of religious tolerance and intolerance that offers an essential narrative to understanding Islam and the West today. Christianity is tolerant, Islam is not. Islam is an inherently violent, ossified religion which can never come to terms with the Enlightenment. How right or wrong are these assumptions? Selina O’Grady asks how and why our societies came to be as tolerant or intolerant as they are. Whether tolerance can be expected to heal today’s festering wound between Islam and the post-Christian West. Or whether something deeper than tolerance is needed. From Umar, the seventh century Islamic caliph who led what became the greatest empire the world has ever known, to King John (of Magna Carta fame) who almost converted to Islam; from alWahaabi, who created the religious-military alliance with the House of Saud that still survives today, to Europe’s bloody Thirty Years’ War that cured Europe of murderous intra-Christian violence but probably killed God in the process, Selina O’Grady takes the reader through the intertwined histories of the Muslim, Christian, and Jewish faiths. In the Name of God is an essential book that offers brilliantly answers to questions surrounding contemporary Islam and Christianity and the role of religion in the modern world.

A New York Times bestselling historian of early Christianity takes on two of the most gripping questions of human existence: where did the ideas of heaven and hell come from and why do they endure? What happens when we die? A recent Pew Research poll showed that 72% of Americans believe in a literal heaven and 58% believe in a literal hell. Most people who hold these beliefs are Christian and assume they are the age-old teachings of the Bible. But eternal rewards and punishments are found nowhere in the Old Testament and are not what Jesus or his disciples taught. So where did these ideas come from? In this “eloquent understanding of how death is viewed through many spiritual traditions” (Publishers Weekly, starred review), Bart Ehrman recounts the long history of the afterlife, ranging from The Epic of Gilgamesh up to the writings of Augustine, focusing especially on the teachings of Jesus and his early followers. He discusses ancient guided tours of heaven and hell, in which a living person observes the sublime blessings of heaven for those who are saved and the horrifying torments of hell for those who are damned. Some of these accounts take the form of near death experiences, the oldest on record, with intriguing similarities to those reported today. One of Ehrman’s startling conclusions is that there never was a single Greek, Jewish, or Christian understanding of the afterlife, but numerous competing views. Moreover, these views did not come from nowhere; they were intimately connected with the social, cultural, and historical worlds out of which they emerged. Only later, in the early Christian centuries, did they develop into notions of eternal bliss or damnation widely accepted today. In this “elegant history” (The New Yorker), Ehrman helps us reflect on where our ideas of the afterlife come from. With his “richly layered-narrative” (The Boston Globe) he assures us that even if there may be something to hope for when we die, there certainly is nothing to fear.

Over the centuries, people have longed for a messiah, whether a religious figure such as Jesus, a political leader, or even in popular culture. The messianic quest emerges most acutely during difficult times when people experience a sense of powerlessness and desperation. But the concept of a messiah—a savior—has its root in the writings of ancient Judaism and early Christianity, evolving from an anointed leader to universal savior. Wilson turns to a little understood pre-Christian text, The Psalms of Solomon, which set the stage for messianic expectation just prior to the birth of Jesus. Known today only to a handful of scholars—in marked contrast to the “Song of Solomon”—this apocryphal text was composed not by a King, but by a devout 1st century b.c.e. Jew who witnessed terrible atrocities under brutal Roman rule. As Wilson parses the text and its subsequent interpretations, we learn how Jesus himself directed his followers inward to search for “the messiah within” in his parables. We then learn how Paul’s concept of “the messiah,” or “the Christ,” changed when presented to Gentiles instead of Jews. Jesus was no longer a Jewish messiah but a Hellenistic divine avatar. In Searching for the Messiah, Wilson reveals how this collective search for messiahs throughout modern human history has been fundamentally flawed. Jesus himself rejected the idea of an external fixer, instead formulating his teachings to focus on the role of the individual and their choices. Searching for the Messiah is revelatory and illuminating work of scholarship that will challenge and inspire.

Helen N. Boyle takes an anthropological approach to Quranic schooling in examining the role of Quranic preschools in community life.

Al Ghazali on Islamic Guidance

State Politics and Islam

Recent Advancements and Issues

Interpreting the Qur??n

A Guide to the Issues

Mentoring Children and Adolescents

Pursue Creatively, Date Intentionally. Love Faithfully.

Tourism is a vital tool for political and economic change. With international contributions from experienced individuals, this book cover general themes and issues, with three thematic sections with original chapters, and a concluding section. It covers a variety of international political changes at different scales and their resulting effects.

This book examines a range of current issues in Islamic development management. The first part of the book explores practical issues in governance and the application of Islamic governance in new areas such as quality management systems and the tourism industry, while the second delves into questions of sustainability. The book proposes a new Islamic sustainability and offers new perspectives on CSR in connection with waqf (Islamic endowments) and microfinance. The third part of the book addresses Islamic values and how they are applied in entrepreneurship, inheritance, consumer behavior and marketing. The fourth part examines the issues of waqf and takaful (a form of insurance in line with the Islamic laws), while the fifth discusses the fiqh (the study of Islamic legal codes) and legal framework from the perspectives of entrepreneurship, higher education, reporting and inheritance (wills). The final chapter is dedicated to the application of Islamic principles in various other issues. Written in an accessible style, the book will appeal to newcomers to the field, as well as researchers and academics with an interest in Islamic development management.

No more hiding or people-pleasing up in here, sisters. No more being sidelined in your own life. It is time for us to be brave, to claim our gifts and quirks and emotions. You are set free and set up and set on fire. NOW you can get busy doing what you were placed on this planet to do. NOW you can be honest, honest, honest about all of it, even the hard stuff, even the humiliating stuff, even the secret stuff. NOW you can walk in your convictions of faith and ask new questions unafraid. NOW you can be so free, because you are not searching for value from any source other than your own beautiful soul made piece by piece by God who adores you and is ready to get on with the business of unleashing you into this world. In this book, I break it down into five self-reflective categories—who I am, what I need, what I want, what I believe, and how I connect—and by working your way through them, you will learn to own your space, ground, and gifts (they are YOURS, sister); be strong in your relationships and lay down passive aggression, resentment, drama, and compliance; say GUILT-FREE what you want and what you need; and welcome spiritual curiosity and all the fantastic change that doing so creates. You with me, beloveds? If we do this work on our own selves now, not only will we discover a life truly worth living, but we will free our daughters to rise up behind us, with spines straight, heads up, and coated in our strength.

Join beloved New York Times bestselling author Bob Goff in Live in Grace, Walk in Love as he shares 365 days of inspiring, unexpected, humble teachings on grace and love that will prepare you for the year ahead. Built on Bob's trademark storytelling and unique way of helping us to see things in a new light, Live in Grace, Walk in Love weaves together personal stories with timeless scripture, taking you through an entire calendar year of meditations on stepping out in love and confidence in every aspect of your life. Each of the 365 daily devotionals center around a key scripture and combine Bob's thoughtful analysis and a thought-provoking question that you can reflect on throughout the day. Live in Grace, Walk in Love will guide you as you grow in your faith journey, too, helping you ask and answer essential questions, including: What project am I working on without God's help? Who do you feel most comfortable being yourself with? What could innocent, childlike faith do to change my perspective today? Are you focusing too much on what others think of you? What message have I been waiting to hear? Start each morning with these actionable, inspirational words of wisdom, take a step back and carve out time to reflect during your busy day, or finish your evening focused and inspired. No matter how you read it, Live in Grace, Walk in Love will spark your creativity, nourish your soul, and give you the encouragement you need to become the person you want to be.

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