

A short summary of the book-

Islam: The Future Civilization

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In the first 3 chapters of the book, he discusses the Western civilization. He says that civilization, like a human being, has a body and soul. The body is its highways, factories and buildings. West has done a lot in these areas.

Soul of a civilization is its values, morals and ideas. In this area West has failed because of its ambiguous perception of God/Creator, the materialistic life pattern, secular inclination (separating education from religion), its struggle against Allah given Fitrah (innate qualities of humans) and its feeling of superiority over other nations.

He says that the West has made tremendous progress in the fields of machines, tools, technology but it has done little in the field of values and morals.

As a result sexual relations have become chaotic, grave venereal diseases, AIDS, family has broken down, promiscuity, surrogate motherhood (motherhood on rent), tendency not to take children, people living with dogs instead of husband/wife, mono sexual family ,one parent family, loneliness and depression, committing suicides, more murder and crime. The soul of Western civilization has rotten.

In chapter 4, he says Marxism, Christianity of now, Judaism are no solutions as they are not balanced systems.

Islam is the only solution as it is balanced in all respects, in it there is integration of science and faith, universal brotherhood, all humans are essentially equal, emphasizes purification and advancement, solidarity and mutuality, justice in all respects to all, deciding matters through consultation.

He then says that principal objectives of human life are worshipping Allah alone, Vicegerency or Khilafat of Allah on earth and Construction of earth soundly.

He also discusses many other things such as western arrogance against Islam, not forgetting spirit of crusade against Islam, Islamophobia, Zionist plan against Islam, present weaknesses of the Muslims and hope in Islamic Awakening.

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