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## Reflection: The War against West Asia and the Stranger in Our Midst

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### Abstract

*This text presents a polemical critique of modern Zionism and the historical narratives used to justify the state of Israel. It argues that the current conflict in the Muslim world reflects deeper ideological and historical tensions, portraying Israel as a colonial project rooted in religious and political myths. The author disputes the historical and genetic continuity between the ancient Banī Isrāʿīl and modern Jews, claiming that Judaism emerged later as a religious movement shaped by scribal elites in Mesopotamia. The text also contends that Jewish presence in Palestine has not been continuous for the past two millennia and challenges linguistic claims surrounding the revival of Hebrew, describing modern Hebrew as a reconstructed language with significant inconsistencies. Furthermore, the author frames Zionism within a broader tradition of imperial ideologies, linking it to concepts such as England's "Elect Nation" and the Nazi idea of a "Master Race." Concluding with commentary on contemporary geopolitics, the piece argues that the vision of "Greater Israel" is unrealistic and asserts that regional forces, particularly Iran, have exposed the fragility of this project.*

### Keywords

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## Introduction

The world has been witnessing the untold horrors of a murderous war against the Islamic Republic of Iran and Lebanon. By now, however, it is clear that this frontal assault on West Asia, reportedly in preparation since January of this year, is quickly turning into an epic defeat for the West—militarily, economically and politically. Staring defeat in the face, Israel and the West have reacted by intensifying their assaults mainly on the civilian populations, with the openly declared aim of collapsing and dismembering both countries. As immoral as this tactic is, it has had no effect on Iran's ability to inflict horrendous damage on the West (US, England and France) and the Zionist race colony in Palestine. As of March 15 (and Iran's 51<sup>st</sup> missile wave of attack), Iran has indicated that it intends to evict the US from West and seek reparations for

the damages. Despite the unprecedented censorship in Israel, reports from there indicate a growing sense of dread and panic.

Given these dramatic developments, we scholars must do what we know best. Our responsibility to the public is not the same as that of the journalists.

Indeed, what are the consequences for the region and for humanity? How should we understand them within the context of modern history, because there is no question that they have taken on truly historic proportions? Before trying to put this unique moment in perspective, let me first offer a very general summary of the magnitude of Western losses up to March 12. I think many readers are anxious to know what has happened to the entire West in such short space of time.

For many months, Western and Western-trained pundits, think-tank “gurus” and other propagandists around the Western world had been conditioning their publics about how much Iran and the Resistance in West Asia had been “severely weakened” after the June 2025 War on Iran. Nothing could have been further from the truth. Almost instantaneously, Iran began mounting a startlingly potent counteroffensive that has been intensifying every single day. This, despite having lost its Leader, Imam Ali Khamenei, at the beginning. Aged, unable to walk normally, and insisting on staying at his regular office, it is now known that he willingly offered his life in the footsteps of Husayn, the Prophet’s grandson, who of course is revered by all Muslims. In response, the people of Iran came out, in unison, with a loud voice that drowned out the blood-curdling howls of a strange group of characters and religious fanatics in Washington. The Zionist race colony in Palestine, joined by a sinister clique of US Evangelical Dispensationalists, have been openly praying for the so-called “Armageddon”, another biblical hoax.

At this stage, the economic repercussions alone for the “West” are so severe that something like a wildfire has been lit, and it is quickly consuming everything in its path. In practical terms, the US presence in the Persian Gulf was mostly dismantled in the Persian Gulf just in the opening phase of the war,

as I explain below. US military and other personnel have taken to mixing in urban areas to avoid Iran's wrath. With this task accomplished, Iran is steadily proceeding to erase the Zionist race colony altogether from West Asia, or to weaken it to a point where it will have to dismantle itself. Clearly, the table has been turned round completely within a few days. Indeed, the network of interstate alliances set up by the US around the world is crumbling, the experts have observed.

Finally, this aggression has occurred in the middle of Ramadan, the second time in a year that Iran has been attacked while negotiating in good faith with the US over issues that had been settled more than a decade ago with the JCPOA (the nuclear accord signed by Iran, US, Russia, and several members of the European Union). That said, Muslims are not the only ones dying in Iran. Lebanon's Naṣārā (Eastern Christians, a relatively large minority that is very different from Western "Christianity") are also dying in droves, though many Maronites converted to Evangelicalism are still openly siding with the US, as they watch sections of their cities demolished.

### **A Stranger to Humanity**

Putting aside the sheer barbarity unleashed on West Asia, how should Muslim scholars approach these historical events? Is it really possible to do so without recognizing the *Stranger* in our midst. This Stranger has been walking freely around the world during most of the modern period. During this time, he has been turning virtue into vice and vice into a consumer product. Today, aware of his impotence but bent on restoring his lost moment of colonial glory, he has taken to fomenting chaos everywhere.

Inside Western society—putting aside its long strings of influence across the world—the Stranger, *here*, appears in the image of a benign, Silicon Valley transhumanist theorist claiming to save the world; and *there*, as an obscene glutton doing commerce with an openly genocidal race colony inspired by a pseudo-biblical hoax about race supremacy. He has many more faces. One day he is a petulant conservative, another a spineless liberal or reformist. His idea of "world history"—an unmistakable instance of self-

worship—allows him to claim that nothing of worth existed before the blessing of his arrival. Inflating his local cultural mutation into some grandiose universal, this strange narcissist seeks to reengineer humanity in his own image. Yet, this society that spawned him, in which he thrives and which has been dominated by moralizing propagandists, is sinking into the bottomless pit of human decadence, as we can all see.

Countless writers—historians, political scientists, social psychologists, not just philosophers—have been warning about this narcissistic personality ever since I can remember. Thankfully, the world has survived him so far, no doubt because before this Stranger’s unwanted intrusion, the foundations of advanced civilized life had already been laid on every continent and borne unprecedented fruits. However, it was the new civilizational mosaic of the Islamic world that built the pillars of a civilization upon which humanity had been standing all along, before incurring the heavy damaged we observe in our times. The Islamic world laid the main foundations of every science, social science and philosophy that people everywhere take for granted today. Such a high level of knowledge required “wisdom” (*ḥikma*), not the materialist fantasies peddled by the West on its short erratic path.

Clearly, the modern world is not the product of only one actor, but many. It seems abundantly clear that the world belongs to the whole of humanity, not to a tiny fraction of the humanity. The mere idea of a “Western civilization” is too ludicrous to tolerate anymore. This idea is a modern invention, not something extending to ancient Greece, as claimed. The moment has, perhaps, arrived to rebuild our collective human civilization.

The “Stranger” in our midst to whom I am referring is the image of a personality that stands for the Western project collapsing before our eyes, like a tree with rotted roots. This project tolerates no rival or dissent. It has maniacally sought, above all, to homogenize the world just as violently as it has done to itself. It has now returned, brusquely, to genocidal acts, which of course have marked its history ever since its recent birth.

In *‘ilm al-ḥikma* (Islamic philosophy) and *‘irfān*, the “reality” (*ḥaqīqa*) of a stranger in human form is a *gharīb*. However, *ghayriyy* (otherness) is not equivalent to what, in the maudlin style of the Western discourse, is called “alienation”. We must be clear about this; otherwise, we simply sink back into moralizing hysteria of Western intellectuals and ideologues.

In Islamic philosophy, paradoxically, *ghayriyya* is regarded as a divine mercy. Why? Because it is not attached to despair or self-pity except in *wilful* separation against God in transgression. The state of separation from God, exile (*ghurba*), has many senses. One is existential, since no created being can be identified with God, and yet God is One. Another perspective, therefore, has to do with reconciliation with God, given His *tawḥīd*. Several types of terminology have been used to express this aspect of oneness—for example, the Beloved and the Lover, the two aspects in which the speech about God, in *‘ilm al-ḥikma*, is rooted and which give way to a further consideration: the divine “hidden treasure” (*kanz*) from which God manifests Himself at our creaturely level. God manifests Himself in relation to our world from the hidden depths of this treasure.

Hence, God calls upon the human being to orient himself back to his true source in God; this, by way of the human being’s dignity and right in relation to God, to man’s fellow beings, and so on. All this is explicitly acknowledged—and stipulated to various degrees—in the Qur’ān, *aḥādīth* and *akhbār*. These are the sources that have given life to the discourse in Islam, because they are not just philosophical principles or abstract logic. They are expressed in the natural flow of a language understood by human beings—as the Qur’an of course tells us.

Therefore, thanks to his otherness, the human being reaches out to God precisely from his otherness. That he does so also signals what emerges from the “treasure” thanks to another mercy that we are given: all the faculties of our being that enable us to return continually to the Beloved. This has to do with the discourse on the “treasures” hidden in Man’s relationship with his *Rabb* (Lord). Historically, nevertheless, we can readily observe another kind of

treasure, so to speak: the dimensions of what fourteen centuries of Islamic tradition and thought have brought to the world.

At this point of history, it seems realistically possible to draw strength and energy again from them, freely and without Western interference, in order to rebuild our world. Thankfully, every normal human tradition contains similar divine features. I cannot help but think that humanity has already resumed its long journey, which began in the depths of time. We have already entered a new, multipolar world. Indeed, the dark clouds are beginning to break. Indeed, I see the train of humanity passing through. Anyone standing in front of it with the idea of stopping it...Well, let us just say that the consequences have been predictable, and they are rapidly consuming the West in ways I never imagined possible in my youth.

### **Update on the War**

Let me give a very short summary of the Western and Israeli losses so far in the war against Iran.

The military operations that Iran has carried out, as far as we know, have picked apart more than 17 US bases in the Persian Gulf (the majority). They have also halted Arab oil production and exports from the Persian Gulf. It had taken the US decades to build those bases, at a cost of hundreds of billions of dollars.

To start with, Iran has reportedly eliminated the main early warning radar in Qatar, key to the defense against incoming projectiles. Without this radar, THAADs radar system (Terminal High Altitude Area Defense launching system) become too handicapped to focus their interceptors properly on incoming missiles. Nevertheless, this factor is now almost irrelevant, because Iran also took out at least four THAAD radar systems within the first 24 hours of the war. They are all part of what used to be an integrated warning and interception network that defended not only the Arab monarchies, but Israel itself. Each THAAD installation system is operated by a minimum of 90 foreign specialists, all of whom were presumably killed. The result is that US defenses are presently operating blindly, the experts are saying. Far from defending

their Arab clients in the Persian Gulf, the US has been rendered blind. It is responding to this difficulty by demolishing residential sites in Tehran and many other cities.

But the US is, literally, being evicted from the region. It has abandoned all its embassies in West Asia, and I am not mentioning US embassies in the rest of the Islamic world, which have been drastically reduced.

After twelve days of regular bombardment of Israel with, Iran announced a few days ago that it was shifting to exclusively 1000 kg missiles. Soon after this announcement, it signaled another shift, this time to even more advanced missile, and that instead of regular missile barrages, it will bombard Israel *continuously*. It is currently elevating the caliber and weight of those advanced missiles. It is worth noting that Iran's advanced and hypersonic missiles are nearly impossible, *physically*, to shoot down. The US has no hypersonic weaponry in its arsenal, let alone the technology to build it.

I should add that, by the night of March 8, Iran had already established a corridor of fire running straight into the heart of Israel, especially in its most sensitive central region where the bulk of its military industries, businesses and, most importantly, its military command centers, satellite facilities and data hubs are located.

The result? As missile physicist Theodore Postol concluded, Israel's defense system no longer really exists, in practice. The Lebanese resistance has confirmed this, saying publicly that it is now encountering fewer obstacles during its missile and drone launches into northern Israel, a swath of land seized from Lebanon over the decades following Israel's founding. Using guided missiles, the resistance has even reached southern Israel, from whence Israeli forces have been carrying out the genocide in Gaza. Above all, the resistance has taken out a vital satellite communications site in central Israel—I saw the Israeli videos. Israel is open admitting that this assault overwhelmed its useless Iron Dome defense system.

This war has exposed not only the hollowness of US claims of military power, but also the fundamental weakness of the US political and economic

system—sparks are beginning to fly in Congress and the capital. US weaknesses, of course, are exacerbated by the Ukraine war, which had depleted its arms stocks before it fired the first shot against Iran. The production of missiles, arms and radar in the US had been described as pathetic. There is simply no significant industrial production capacity even to replace the colossal quantities of weapons that had been expended in Ukraine, let alone in the ongoing operations in Iran. The US hasn't a hope of gearing up in time for any kind of prolonged confrontation even with a middle-sized power like Iran, which in fact is beginning to appear stronger than a middle power.

### **The Problem of the Evangelicals**

The US, it appears, is trying hard to ignite a religious war. The idea is foreign not only to Muslims, but to the rest of the world. Pete Hegseth—a Zionist Evangelical Dispensationalist and US Secretary of War (as his department has been officially renamed)—has reportedly ordered all commanders of the US military to instruct the soldiers in their units to accept Mr. Trump and the war on Iran as a sign of the “Armageddon” and the second coming of “Jesus”. All officers have been order, moreover, to note all the “gory” details that will accompany what Hegseth and his subordinates pray for at their regular meetings. The US military has even christened this war campaign the “Crusade against Islam”. Tattooed on Hegseth’s chest is a large cross in the form of the Crusaders’ “Jerusalem Cross”.

It is no longer just the Zionist race colony that craves and prays—almost in unison, according to the polls—for a human calamity on the order the so-called Armageddon. This is the macabre mindset that has taken hold of a Western world in rapid decomposition. The West appears to have gone insane.

### **Conclusion**

A terrible war has been unleashed on the Muslim world in the middle of Ramadan. A clique of Evangelicals imagined that—like Pharaoh—they could

chase their victims across the sea in order to destroy them. Instead, they have opened the gates for something far more serious and dramatic to shape their fate.

Let me remind the reader that Musā was not “Jewish”. There is no possible historical connection between this figure—let alone Ibrāhīm—and modern-day Jews. The point is that the Bānī Isrāʿīl (children of Isrāʿīl) have nothing to do with “Judaism”, which began as a religious cult designed by court scribes and legalists in Mesopotamia. Ezra, the founder of this cult, was a eunuch and cupbearer of the King there. Sponsored by the King of Mesopotamia, he and his scribes were dispatched as agents to Palestine in order to cause trouble for the Egyptian ruler.

In Roman times, most Jews migrated to the Italian Peninsula and other parts of the European subcontinent in search of riches. Already Romanized, they were no longer an integral part of Palestine’s cultural fabric. In other words, there has not been a significant “Jewish” presence in Palestine for two thousand years, not that the ancient “Jews” (an English misnomer) bear much resemblance to modern-day Jews, religiously or genetically (several genetic studies have been conducted over the years). Neither Bānī Isrāʿīl (whose name means the offspring of “Isrāʿīl”, who is the person, Yaʿqūb, that carries the *title* of “Isrāʿīl”) nor the Jews occupied more than patches of land in Palestine, mingled with many other tribes. Clearly, there has never been any such thing as Jewish supremacy from “the sea to the Euphrates”. This is just fantasy.

One more detail, if I may. As every linguist knows, so-called “ancient Hebrew” was in fact a group of dialects derived from the “Phoenician” language in what is now Lebanon. This entire language group became extinct a very long time ago. By contrast, most people from the time of “Bānī Isrāʿīl” up to the ancient Judaic-like cults in ancient Palestine spoke Aramaic, not ancient Hebrew. Modern Hebrew was glued together using fragments of writings and grammars and words borrowed from modern languages in a manner inconsistent with “ancient Hebrew”. We have an insufficient knowledge of “ancient Hebrew” because few documents in ancient “Hebrew” have survived,

and certainly not enough to allow for a revival of this dead dialect, even assuming that it was a single dialect. The result is that modern Jewish “Hebrew” is neither a living nor a dead language, since it is widely spoken and written in Israel, despite the serious defects it suffers from, all of them familiar to linguists.

Israel as a colonial project for a “chosen people” is based on a biblical hoax that the English Empire had been assimilating in earnest since Cromwell, who formalized his prototypal idea of England as the “Elect Nation”, which was followed a few centuries later by the Nazi fantasy of the “Master Race”.

Is anyone wondering why the Zionist race colony named “Israel” has suddenly lost its balance and grip. It has completely lost control of the situation it has created with this terrible war. The dream of “Greater Israel”—meaning, the total control and colonization of West Asia by a measly “Jewish” population—has always been a pipedream of fools. Israel is being removed like a threadbare rag, because after 75 years of existence and continual theft of land, it has grown roots in the region and has no historical roots. Iran has burst this dangerous fantasy.

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