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Qur'an in Action

This book is a unique look into the Desert Kingdom, from which Wahhabist Islam is being promoted across the globe via an endless supply of petro dollars.

The secular author goes into great detail on crime and punishment under Sharia Law; beheadings; amputations; stonings; and civil compensation (blood money). This is all within the context of the untouchable House of Saud, whose princes and princesses seem above the law (one prince even hacking a British diplomat to death).

Because of the politics of defensive imperialism, which started with British arms given to the Saudi tribe to repel the Turks, and continues with the U.S. in exchange for cheap oil, there is complete silence on atrocities which go on regarding womens' rights, freedom of speech, etc.

Any non-Muslim visitor can at best rely on a "gentleman's agreement" to keep them out of a Saudi jail, being caned, or potentially beheaded!

Christianity is strictly forbidden in Saudi Arabia and there are no churches, condemning this hot and dry place to total spiritual darkness. The fruits of Islam under Sharia are clearly corrupt:

“Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.”

Matthew 7.17, Authorized Version

Introduction (pp. 1-10)

The Saudis executed 166 people in 2007.

A Saudi Princess sought asylum in 2009.

To get the women driving ban lifted, they were threatening to breastfeed strange men (thereby allowing them to be 'related' drivers).

Only 15% of the labour force is female.

Preface (pp. 11-22)

Judgment Day for Saudi Arabia is long overdue.

Female public figures have remained silent on the medieval treatment of Saudi women because Saudi Arabia has most of the world's oil.

The *Saudi Gazette* is the English-language newspaper of Jeddah, and can be relied upon to self-censure.

Saudis are determined to keep the Jews out of the 'land of the pure'.

I) The Beheading (pp. 23-49)

Black Abdullah with his cutlass is the Executioner.

The sun is the devil incarnate in Saudi Arabia; hardly any grass grows which is why plastic grass is imported.

Every 100km rubber tyres burst on hot roads, drivers fall asleep at the wheel or see double due to mirage reflections.

'Chop-Chop Square' is adjacent to Jeddah's Omar Khyam Hotel.

Sometimes the executioner holds up the head by the tip of his sword. After execution, a medic ties up the head in a towel while the police remove the body.

Brain cells begin dying after two minutes without oxygenated blood.

People prefer comfort reading.

All alcohol is strictly forbidden..

The government can remove political dissidents by false accusation of serious crime. There is no trial by jury.

Homosexuality is secretly widely practised.

The two views in Saudi Arabia are fundamentalism, and social reform, however, the silent majority are probably fanatical.

II) Women Are Always to Blame (pp. 50-59)

Authorities are hard-pressed at times to find sufficient guilty women to stone.

One execution style is to unload a tipper truck of stones onto the woman.

Small stones may be used to prolong death.

III) Thieves Are Always Handicapped (pp. 60-69)

Hands are chopped off after three thefts.

No starving person can be punished for stealing food.

The West secretly thinks the Kingdom is uncivilised and barbarous.

Right hands are amputated just above the wrist with an axe but Muslims are only meant to wash their bottoms with their left hand (!).

IV) Lash 'Em and Flog 'Em (pp. 70-74)

A razor-sharp thin cane is used for lashings for all manner of activities. The maximum sentence is 120 lashes which is fatal.

Saudi Authorities play cat and mouse with all applicants for exit visas.

Sheikhs' daughters are above the law.

V) Institutionalised Slavery and Racism (pp. 75-80)

Saudi Arabia emancipated 4,000 of its slaves only in 1962.

Saudis believe they are white, not black or brown.

Plenty of innocent foreigners are behind bars in the country.

VI) Blood Money (pp. 81-86)

Blood money is priced in camels, and a man's life is worth twice a woman's.

This risk is not insurable and lorry drivers often get caught after accidents, with other partners immediately requiring blood money.

A Saudi Prince once hacked a British diplomat to death with a machete.

Few records are kept in Saudi Arabia.

VII) The Colour is White (pp. 87-94)

The desert is a place of the unseen; unseen oil pipelines, unseen oil, etc.

People run off into the desert and disappear.

The fearsome White Guard is ~32,000-strong.

Many rebellions have occurred in the Desert Kingdom; since the 1950s, including in 1979 when 300 Muslims occupied the Grand Mosque. French paratroopers were called in who flooded the mosque then electrified the water.

Wahhabi Sheikhs helped the first Saudi tribal king take the throne in 1927 but were supplied with British arms.

VIII) The Traveller Has His Own Excuses (pp. 95-97)

The desert is a good place to hide.

IX) Holy Air and Sacred Skies (pp. 98-102)

Air space is strictly controlled since non-Muslims flying above would contaminate the country.

Christian churches are strictly forbidden.

Jews and atheists are public enemies number one and two respectively.

Ambassadors are men which go out to the world to lie for their countries.

X) It Stands to Reason (pp. 103-130)

The workplace is forbidden to Arabic women and some become frustrated and develop lesbian tendencies.

Arabian delivery boys find it easier to throw their parcels in the desert than deliver them.

The Bedouin are ignoble and simply do whatever it takes to survive.

XI) Two Women Living Dangerously (pp. 131-140)

Arabians use prayer beads to calm them.

Some women cross-dress to enable them to drive.

XII) White Arabs (pp. 141-148)

Bedouin drivers actively swerve across the road to kill cats and dogs.

Dress is a long white *thobe* and a chequered red headpiece.

XIII) Palm Tree Ambassadors (pp. 149-156)

Saudis deport Sikhs as they find their turbans insulting to Islam, but Indian ambassadors argue it is to their loss since Sikhs are better and more intelligent than Pakistanis.

Those who learn Arabic are considered spies.

XIV) A Day at the Camel Races (pp. 157-169)

On a royal visit, Queen Elizabeth was advised to stay on her royal yacht.

Arabian kings are known for their filthy language towards women (especially westerners).

XV) All Hail to the House of Saudi (pp. 170-175)

The House of Saud was the conquering tribal family that united the country.

Its roots allegedly go back to the 18thC.

XVI) Sinister Tourism (pp. 173-181)

Mecca and Medina are out of bounds.

The country has a famous coral reef.

There is a ban on photography as it is called the devil's work.

XVII) The Silly Goose and Its Golden Egg (pp. 182-187)

XVIII) Fleetness of Foot (pp. 188-192)

XIX) A Faustian Pact (pp. 193-)

The British armed the Bedouins in return for keeping the Turks out of Arabia.

The Wahhabis massacred Persian-speaking Hazaras.

XX) In the Eye of the Storm (pp. 203-208)

A fragile "gentleman's agreement" exists with Saudi Arabia that they would never behead a Westerner.

XXI) An Invitation to a Friend (pp. 209-217)

Idi Amin trusted the Saudis and received asylum.

Many 9/11 terrorists had Kingdom passports.

XXII) Defensive Imperialism (pp. 218-224)

Imperial powers often act as defenders of weaker ones in exchange for protecting its resources. It is a voluntary agreement.

Mugabe turned over white-run farms to blacks with no education resulting in starvation.

XXIII) An Extract From My Diary (pp. 225-)

There is nowhere to go and nothing to do in Saudi Arabia.

Australian businessmen often storm off after a few days.

Non-Muslims must also observe Ramadan. Muslims gorge themselves at night but are dead-tired during the day, and mail also backs up.

Camel meat is spongy and tasteless and bread is frequently stale.

Some princes control underground alcohol and video networks.

Western journalists can turn to homosexuality and some Arabian boys openly look for sugar daddies.

French and English Arabic-speaking diplomats usually *lose* business.

Most financial transactions are done with hard currency.

Most streets aren't named.

Arabians may turn up hours or days late for a business appointment because they cannot organise themselves.