

Review: Tony Payne, *Islam in Our Backyard: A Novel Argument*,
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Candy-Coated Apologetic

This book treads lightly around an obvious truth; the total incompatibility of Islam with the ‘Christian’ west.

While its reasoning is sound, in the imaginary interplay between neighbours the Christian comes off as mostly weak and unwilling to press home the evident truths which he easily could.

I) (pp. 9-16)

On 9-11 157 passengers died as their planes smashed into the Twin Towers. Fires were fuelled by 91,000 litres of aviation fluid causing temperatures to reach 800°C [not hot enough to melt steel].

3,000 office workers died [were murdered by the Deep State].

40% of welfare claims are coming from the 10% migrant population.

II) (pp. 17-30)

Muslims believe Muhammad underwent every possible human experience and therefore is the ideal standard.

The *hadith* is historical information two hindered years after Muhammad’s death. Bukhari and Muslim are the two most ‘reliable’.

There is only one *ummah*, despite various Muslim sects.

Muslims resent that the 'wrong side' has become the supreme power in the world.

Shari'ah is built on four principles:

i. Qur'an

ii. Hadiths

iii. Ijma (consensus)

iv. Qiyas (analogical reasonings)

III) (pp. 31-38)

Turkey is the only 'democratic' government in the International Islamic Conference.

The true Islamic State in principal is always theocratic.

IV) (pp. 39-56)

Shiite Muslims are from Iran predominantly, Wahhabi Muslims Saudi Arabia, and Sunni from Indonesia.

Abu Bakr was the first Caliph, followed by Umar, then Uthman, and lastly Ali; he was murdered and succeeded by Muawiyah, ruler of Syria.

The Shiite Imam is a kind of pope, but Sunnis rely on *ijma* as their final authority.

Bukhari 4:196 says [Muhammad] "I have been ordered to fight with the people till they say, 'None has the right to be worshipped but Allah'."

Arabian Muslim armies had attacked eastern Iran, Armenia, Libya, and Tunisia by AD670.

Some Muslims believe Islam's decline was Allah's judgment for their slackness and apostasy.

Muhammad bin Abdul Wahhab found a patron in the tribal chief Muhammad bin Saud who went on to create Saudi Arabia.

The *savak* is the Iranian secret police.

The Shah was unable to withstand the Islamic forces of the Revolution.

V) (pp. 57-67)

“Mecca to Medina “is the ideal path for the Islamic community; from persecuted minority to Islamic State.

VI) (pp. 69-88)

“Church and State” is a foreign concept in Islam.

A secular state is not allowed to compel citizens to adopt any religious belief.

The West has confined religion “upstairs” and so cannot deal with Islam which will never do so.

VII) (pp. 89-93)

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Qur'an 4.157-8 says Jesus was not crucified.

The Gospel of Barnabas was a medieval forgery dating from the 14thC AD.

IX) (pp. 117-126)

X) (pp. 127-134)