

What's The Point?

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Through “Contact the Author,” a visitor to this site recently asked me a question that I believe could readily occur to others, so I’m posting my answer for all to read.

He asked: “What’s the point of reading your book and all this stuff you’ve posted here? I can’t believe skeptics suddenly ‘get religious,’ or Christians, Jews and Muslims suddenly ‘see the light,’ because of your writings. Come on lady — get real.”

I am realistic enough to recognize that an attack with biological, chemical or nuclear weapons could occur at any moment, though I know many people who refuse to think it could actually happen. Nevertheless, 9/11 was real; terrorists are real; fearsome weapons of mass destruction are real. And contempt for the religious beliefs of others, which has driven Muslims, Christians and Jews to hate and kill their fellowmen for close to 2,000 years, remains as real today as it has always been. Therefore, either enough people will now learn about God from *all* the Prophets of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, or the world will suffer the nuclear war our age-old ignorance is preparing to ignite.

So, what’s the point of a book that combines the teachings of all the Prophets? Simply put, *it gives the world a chance to avoid a nuclear holocaust*. But, do I really believe that enough people will embrace the combined teachings to change the world’s direction? I assure you, I find it as hard to believe as you probably do! Yet, learning from all the Prophets would allow us to avoid indescribable misery, a fact that compels me to pursue the hope that enough people, one by one, will *grow wiser*.

Of course, I realize that religion is a “touchy subject.” Most people avoid discussing their own religious beliefs or unbelief with persons who do not agree with them. Some even consider the subject “too personal” to discuss with anyone. But, as a new century gets started, our reality includes an ever-growing number of religious zealots who sincerely believe it is their “God-given duty” to make the world Islamic, even if they must command attention by destroying much of the material world! Hence, unless you agree with the

terrorists, you are under attack for your religious beliefs or unbelief, whether or not you discuss them!

Regardless of how you view my book and this site, I urge you to avoid glibly dismissing terrorists as “crazy religious kooks.” They are sane enough to be more aware of reality than many of their potential victims! And they know exactly how to make people fear them. In their eyes, they are simply doing what they must to cleanse the world of unbelievers and thereby fulfill ancient prophecies. They fervently believe they are doing God’s Will, and they have given the world reason to believe they would use whatever weapons they must to accomplish their goal.

Thus, the terrorists appear to be right: *It now appears to be the time for some ancient prophecies to be fulfilled.* But a major error in the terrorists’ thinking rests in their self-aggrandizing belief that the whole world must embrace the Islamic faith as they interpret it. Yet, even while they err, they have already changed the world as we have known it — and the changes they seek have scarcely begun.

The terrorists are not in a hurry. They believe they are doing God’s work and they will accomplish it as God directs. That means, for the moment, the rest of the world still has time to learn enough to avoid a nuclear disaster, and we have long-since been provided with the teachings that *can resolve* our ancient religious arguments.

In short, as the Prophets told us, we do not have to suffer a nuclear holocaust. To avoid it, we must learn from ALL the Prophets, which would correct a major portion of our errors. But WILL WE IMPROVE OUR BELIEFS? I like to think so, though my common sense tells me not to expect it. Still, I’ve combined the Prophets’ most essential teachings in one book *to help us learn the truths they provided!* And that is the point of my writings.

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