



Perils of Self-Righteousness : An Anecdotal Evaluation of the Muslim Mind-set - A Self-criticism

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The book is a candid sociopolitical commentary in the form of a collection of short anecdotal articles describing authors view on various issues facing the world in general and the Muslim world in particular. Various happenings around the world are analyzed in this book to build a case that Muslims are suffering from a psychology of being Gods (Allahs) pampered followers with an assurance that paradise in the hereafter will be theirs for the taking. The book goes on to argue that this guarantee of paradise results in a superiority complex and a collective feeling of jealousy towards the West. According to this book Muslims find it difficult to come to terms with the fact that others have taken ascendancy over them through perpetual quest and hard work. The book concludes by arguing that it is dangerous to assume that the present day extremism is a minority phenomenon. It argues - using an analogy - that a pot which is hot, produces more vapor on the surface than the pot which is less hot. But the vapor should not be seen in isolation from what it rises from. In fact the clue to the vapor is in the temperature of the pot. In other words the clue to the extremist minority is in the majority- so it argues. The book contains many such analogies. This makes it an interesting read.

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