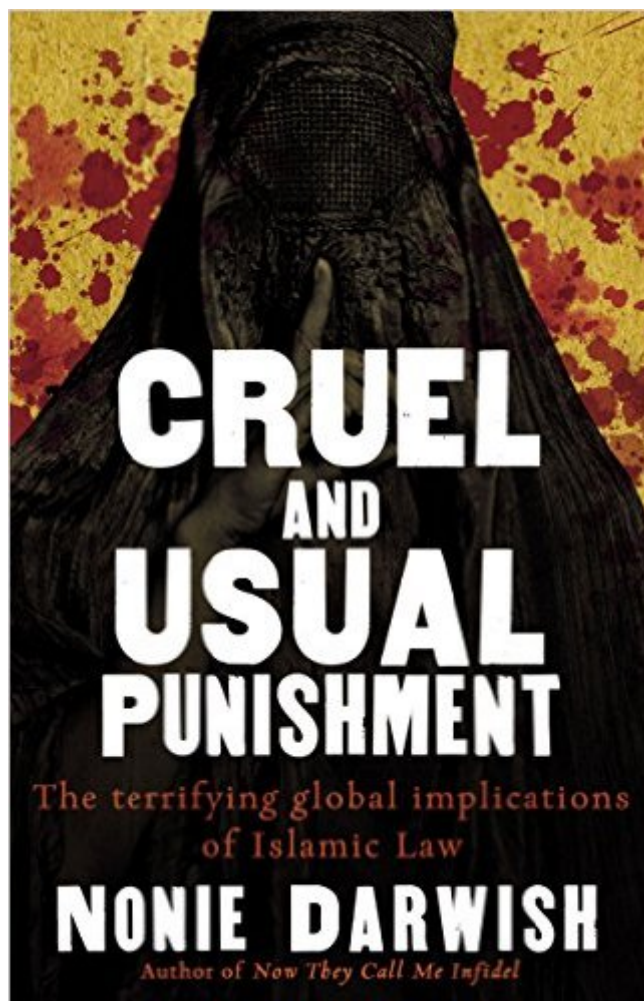


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Cruel And Usual Punishment



Synopsis

Nonie Darwish lived for thirty years in a majority Muslim nation. Everything about her life—family, sexuality, hygiene, business, banking, contracts, economics, politics, social issues, everything—was dictated by the Islamic law code known as Sharia. But Sharia isn't staying in majority Muslim nations. Darwish now lives in the West and brings a warning; the goal of radical Islam is to bring Sharia law to your country. If that happens, the fabric of Western law and liberty will be ripped in two. Under Sharia law: A woman can be beaten for talking to men who are not her relatives and flogged for not wearing a headaddress Daughters, sisters, and wives can be legally killed by the men in their family Non-Muslims can be beheaded, and their Muslim killers will not receive the death penalty Certain kinds of child molestation are allowed The husband of a "rebellious" wife can deny her medical care or place her under house arrest Think it can't happen? In 2008, England—once the seat of Western liberty and now the home of many Muslim immigrants—declared that Sharia courts in Britain have the force of law. When Muslim populations reach as little as 1 or 2 percent, says Darwish, they begin making demands of the larger community, such as foot-level faucets for washing before praying in public schools, businesses, and airports. "Airports in Kansas City, Phoenix, and Indianapolis are among those who have already installed foot baths for Muslim cab drivers," writes Darwish. These demands test how far Westerners will go in accommodating the Muslim minority. How far will they push? The Organization of the Islamic Conference works to Islamize international human rights laws and apply Sharia "standards" for blasphemy to all nations. The penalty for blasphemy? Death. Weaving personal experience together with extensive documentation and research, Darwish exposes the facts and reveals the global threat posed by Sharia law. Anyone concerned about Western rights and liberties ignores her warning and analysis at their peril.

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Customer Reviews

Darwish's unique background enables her to clearly explain Islam to the Western reader. Although I read a few books on Islam after 9/11, this was the first description that enabled me to understand why there was not more outrage from moderate Muslims and religious leaders when thousands of American civilians were murdered in Islam's name. An important part of the understanding began with Darwish's explanation that Islam is not just a religion -- It is also a political and legal system. Darwish supports this assertion with scriptural statistics as well as concrete examples. Identifying political Islam helped this reader to consider it more objectively. Like many others, it is difficult for me to criticize another's religion (even silently in my own mind), but it is not hard to criticize a political or legal system that oppresses people. Thus, I could not reconcile 9/11 or dehumanization with religious Islam, but I can easily see how political Islam encourages such abuses. Darwish spent her first thirty years in Egypt and understands that "Most Muslims judge Islam by their kind, tolerant Muslim grandparents who prayed five times every day." But this did not prevent her from seeing extreme human rights abuses enforced through Sharia - which is now declared by forty-five Muslim countries to override the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She points out that while Westerners generally assume all religions encourage a respect for the dignity of each individual, Islamic law (Sharia) teaches that non-Muslims should be subjugated or killed in this world. Peace and prosperity for one's children is not as important as assuring that Islamic law rules everywhere in the Middle East and eventually in the world. While Westerners tend to think that all religions encourage some form of the golden rule, Sharia teaches two systems of ethics - one for Muslims and another for non-Muslims. Building on tribal practices of the seventh century, Sharia encourages the side of humanity that wants to take from and subjugate others. While Westerners tend to think in terms of religious people developing a personal understanding of and relationship with God, Sharia advocates executing people who ask difficult questions that could be interpreted as criticism. It's hard to imagine, that in this day and age, Islamic scholars agree that those who criticize Islam or choose to stop being Muslim should be executed. Sadly, while talk of an Islamic reformation is common and even assumed by many in the West, such murmurings in the Middle East are silenced through intimidation. While Westerners are accustomed to an increase in religious tolerance over time, Darwish explains how petrodollars are being used to grow an extremely

intolerant form of political Islam in her native Egypt and elsewhere. The statistics she cites are chilling. In addition to describing Sharia, Darwish warns of the threat to the west and offers policy prescriptions for political leaders and voters. Nonie Darwish is clearly an immigrant whose unusual perspective enriches our culture. This reader is grateful that she risks her life to publicly speak in defense of her adopted country.

The sympathy and genuine love that Ms. Darwish possesses for her people of origin, drives her to expose how they have been shackled by a 7th century religious zealotry which may ultimately lead to their own demise and that of the entire civilized world. Ms. Darwish, with much scholarly research, applies the yeoman's work to expose Islam as a skewed ideology which advocates pedophilia, slavery, subjugation of women, murder of homosexuals, and mayhem upon all infidels; fear, loathing and hate are sown and cultivated in the Koran, Hadith and Sharia, containing over 35,200 calls for death, decapitation, murder, and perpetrating fear and chaos upon non-Muslims. The intolerable supremacist nature of Islam must be universally acknowledged both in the Muslim world as well as the Western world. No one will be safe until there is a total revolution calling for the absolute reformation of Islam. It is imperative for the victims who live under the ummah of Islam (women, children, dhimmis, homosexuals, and slaves) as well as the entire world and until such time there can be no conceivable way to transcend the violence that pursues the destruction of all beliefs outside of Islam.

Nonie Darwish's rhapsody of truth entitled "Cruel and Usual Punishment: The Terrifying Global Implications of Islamic Law" is the most ardent explanation of Sharia law, and its horrors, that I have read yet. What a brave soul Ms. Darwish must be: to know so very well from her own life experiences as a Muslim, what a hostile and difficult road she has placed herself. But the attacks on her only exemplify her message of dire concern to the western world. That to orthodox Muslims, criticism of Islam is unacceptable; that questioning Sharia cannot be tolerated; that being different, gay, feminist, progressive, or simply tolerant of other faiths is punishable by imprisonment or death. I don't know that I have ever read a book and highlighted information on every single page...but this was exactly the case with "Cruel and Usual Punishment". From the preface... "About 60 million Christians, 80 million Hindus and 10 million Buddhists were killed during the jihad conquest." to the last chapter (Getting Away with Murder)... "If Muslim governments and citizens have access to build mosques in America, then they must give the U.S. government and citizens the same access in their countries." there is not one page that didn't have a point worth marking. Although, as is the

case with that last quote, hell will freeze over before Muslim countries ruled by Sharia Law will tolerate such nonsense as accepting any measure of equality. They would, in fact, have to break their own law by exhibiting such tolerance. Sharia, by definition, demands complete intolerance of any other socio-religious system and Nonie Darwish does a masterful and heartfelt job of proving it. After comparing 30 of the many books currently out on the subject of Islam, "Cruel and Usual Punishment" stands as the most poignant in everyday cultural terms, "America Alone" has the best global/demographic perspective and "Bleeding for Allah, Why Islam will Conquer the Free World" is the most informative from a historical and Biblical/Koranic scripture standpoint. Several readers have left reviews saying that Ms. Darwish is not reflecting the truth of the Koran. I have read the Koran several times and Ms. Darwish does not stray from its violent and intolerant message. She is completely on the mark. The misinformation campaign by Islamists is ceaseless....

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