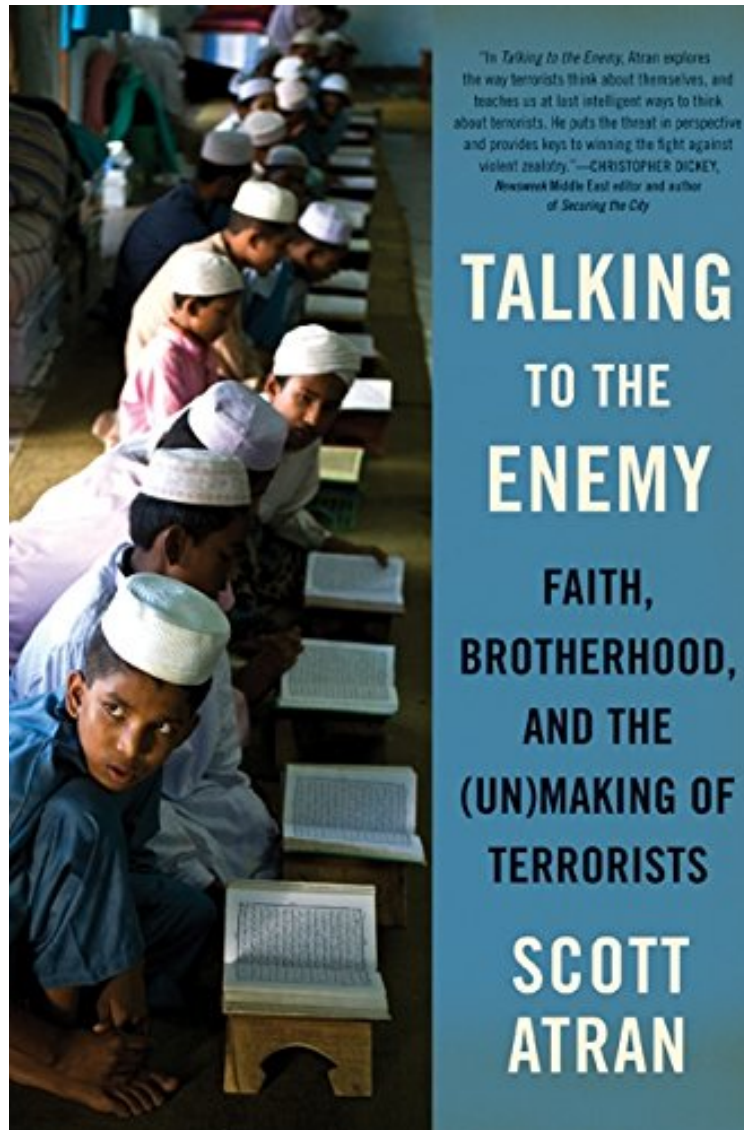


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Some light shown on the people involved and their motivation. By Marilyn Certainly the most humanistic reading I have done on the subject of Islamic Terrorism. I now have a more

accurate picture of the types of people who become involved and in what actually motivates their actions. Parts of the book are a bit tedious because he does put in some information, I believe, just for the record. And, still, for the most part I found it very interesting and easy reading. It doesn't really provide any actual process or system for 'unmaking' terrorism but it helps to give us an understanding on which perhaps some movement can be made. Any progress is good. As a spiritual reader I also read this book with the aim of understanding better, the psychology, and religiosity, of actual ordinary Muslims. The book discusses the religious aspects throughout the book with an unusually non-biased viewpoint. I was about halfway through reading when the author reveals himself to be an atheist. He has to be one of the most open minded atheists I have ever come across. (Though even he couldn't resist a few cute digs). I do applaud the author for his thoroughness and scholarship. This book in size looks huge but a great deal of the last part is taken up with an index of the names of individuals mentioned, and by the Note section. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. For people like me who want the facts By Alain Griffen If you think this is a sophomoric book, then your correct if you talk about university level sophomores. For people like me who want the facts, check out this one: <https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000APR008> The book in itself can be tedious if your not used to academic writing styles. But it is also a learning experience, which will let you have a more detailed view about terrorists. Usually highly rational progressive people can resort to conservative FUD when debating alternative Mohamedic religions. Scott Atran is one of the few people who can distinguish Muslims, and provide a quantized set of characteristics for the subset Muslims that resort to terroristic acts. Based on his anthropological research, threat indicators can be a lot more effective. It was quite a paradigm shift, when you only hear the rethoric on cable news or the internet. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Insight into not-the-obvious: talk to them. By Curt Rhodes Intense, informative, intriguing. Well reasoned-out. Strong logic. Some of the take-it-for-granted-to-be-true statements would have been better served if there had been a bit more documentation of the dogmatic writing in spots. But a must-read for anyone who needs to understand extremism - and that is all of us.

Atran explores the way terrorists think of themselves and teaches us, at last, intelligent ways to think about terrorists. Christopher Dickey, Newsweek Middle East Editor and author of *Securing the City* *Talking to the Enemy* by Scott Atran is an eye-opening and important book that offers readers a startling look deep inside terror groups. Based on the authors unprecedented access to and in-depth interviews with terrorists and jihadis including Al Qaeda, Hamas, and Taliban extremists, as well as members of other radical Islamic terror organizations *Talking to the Enemy* provides fresh insight and unexpected answers to why there are people in this world willing to kill and die for a cause. A riveting, compelling work in the tradition of *The Looming Tower* and *Terror in the Name of God*, *Talking to the Enemy* is required reading for anyone interested in making the world a safer, more secure place for everyone.

From Publishers Weekly Atran (*In Gods We Trust*) examines the motivations of terrorists in this sprawling and timely study. Drawing upon years of travel among Muslim communities from Indonesia to Morocco, extensive interviews with would-be martyrs and holy warriors, and detailed surveys, the author concludes that young jihadists aren't merely motivated by political or religious fervor--they are powerfully bound to each other, they were campmates, school buddies, soccer pals, and the like, who become die-hard bands of brothers. Besides the importance of group dynamics in spawning terrorists, the author highlights the role of sacred values --core cultural values--that often trump other values, particularly economic ones. Within this context, Atran argues that the best measures against today's terrorist threat--which is more opportunistic, more scattered and disjointed, than it was before 9/11--are soft-power initiatives to provide alternative heroes and hopes within Muslim communities and to reframe sacred values. Atran's intellectual reach is prodigious; his analysis of the underpinnings of terrorism is instructive, if often unconventional; and his provocative prescriptions merit debate and consideration. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. *Talking to the Enemy* is Atran's impassioned call for evidence-based policy, but it's also an ambitious survey of culture and violence. Research is the trump card here, played often and well. (David Shariatmadari, *The Guardian*) *Talking to the Enemy* is about far more than violent extremism. One of the most penetrating works of social investigation to appear in many years, it offers a fresh and compelling perspective on human conflict. (John Gray, *Literary Review*) *Talking to the Enemy* is recommendable not just for its vivid insights into the motivation of terrorists, but also for its study of Islamic radicalisation and the anthropology of religion in general. (Michael Bond, *New Scientist*) *Talking to the Enemy* is an important book, by turns fascinating, dense, scientific, debatable, illuminating. (David Aaronovitch, *The Times*) Scott Atran is one of the world's most important and innovative thinkers on the local and global dynamics of violent Islamist extremism. . . . Required reading for those trying to understand and address the problems of terrorism in the 21st century. (Juan Zarate, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Combating Terrorism 2005 - 2009) What can be done to undo future jihadist networks? renowned anthropologist Scott Atran has carried out a very thorough study with surprising findings on what motivates those who kill and die. (Luis Miguel Ariza, *El Pais*) Atran has given us a remarkably honest book, demonstrating that down-to-earth field work can give us a far superior understanding of what makes terrorists tick than whole armies of armchair counter-terrorist experts.

(Perspectives on Terrorism) This deeply researched, wide ranging, and very timely study provides a compelling and often surprising account of what lies behind the jihadi phenomenon It should be read carefully, and pondered. (Noam Chomsky) Atran explores the way terrorists think about themselves and teaches us, at last, intelligent ways to think about terrorists. He puts the threat in perspective and provides keys to winning the fight against violent zealotry. (Christopher Dickey, Newsweek Middle East Editor and author of SECURING THE CITY) The stories Atran brings back from talking to jihadists and their supporters are gripping, and the result of his experiments that probe their sacred values are compelling. The insights he gains tell us more than we knew before about what it means to be human. (Robert Axelrod, Walgreen Professor for the Study of Human Understanding at the University of Michigan, author of The Evolution of Cooperation, and recipient of the National Academy of Sciences Award for Behavioral Research Relevant to the Prevention of Nu) Atran is one of the worlds most important thinkers on the local and global dynamics of violent Islamist extremism. His research on what motivates young men to fall prey to violent ideologies is required reading for those trying to understand the problems of terrorism in the 21st century. (Juan Zarate, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Combating Terrorism 2005 - 2009) [Atrons] rigorous research not only debunks the claims of pundits who sit lightly to academic discipline but also challenges unscientific attacks on religion by senior scientists. The political implications of his well-grounded analysis are profound but conveyed in an accessible style which left me excited and hopeful. (John, Lord Alderdice, Chairman of the Liberal Democrat Party in the House of Lords, former Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly and President of Liberal International) A riveting account of the motivational basis of terrorism and field material of rare quality. Dismantling the myths that guide the so called war on terror, he provides the tools to address a global problem rationally and effectively. (Carlo Strenger, Graduate Chair of Clinical Psychology, Tel Aviv University, and columnist for Ha'aretz) Scott Atran is one of the very few persons who understand religion and have figured out that religion is not about belief and cannot be naively replaced without severe side effects. (Nassim Nicholas Taleb, Distinguished Professor, New York University Polytechnic Institute, author of The New York Times bestseller The Black Swan) Historically keen and astutely humanistic...the authors deep penetration into anthropological explanations of evolution, teamwork, blood sport and war attempt to define what it means to be human. (Kirkus s) Recommendable not just for its vivid insights into the motivation of terrorists, but also for its study of Islamic radicalization and the anthropology of religion in general.. (New Scientist) A highly readable round-the-world examination of the jihad and its adherents. . . . Atran pieces together the lives and the backgrounds of extremists, offering insightful perspectives by placing contemporary Islamist dissent into a deeper context of human evolutionary history. (Richard Phelps, Financial Times) Atran has given us a remarkably honest book, demonstrating that down-to-earth field work can give us a far superior understanding of what makes terrorists tick than whole armies of armchair counterterroris experts. (Alex Schmid, Perspectives on Terrorism) Atrons intellectual reach is prodigious; his analysis of the underpinnings of terrorism is instructive, if often unconventional; and his provocative prescriptions merit debate and consideration. (Publishers Weekly) Sets us and our governments straight about a long list of dubious assumptions. He is sure that we must talk before we shoot, and that we must learn to distinguish real threats from imagined ones. (Jeremy Harding, London of Books) From the Back Cover Terrorists don't kill and die just for a cause. They kill and die for each other. In this rigorous and challenging work that combines the penetrating insight of The Looming Tower and the historical sweep and scope of Guns, Germs, and Steel, renowned social scientist Scott Atran traces terrorism's root causes in human evolution and history, touching on the nature of faith, the origins of society, the limits of reason, and the power of moral values. Atran interviews and investigates Al Qaeda associates and acolytes, including Jemaah Islamiyah, Lashkar-e-Tayibah, and the Madrid train bombers, as well as other non-Qaeda groups, such as Hamas and the Taliban, and their sponsoring communities, from the jungles of Southeast Asia and the political wastelands of the Middle East to New York, London, and Madrid. His conclusions are startling, important, and sure to be controversial. Terrorists, he reminds us, are social beings, influenced by social connections and values familiar to us all, as members of school clubs, sports teams, or community organizations. When notions of the homeland, a family of friends, and a band of brothers are combined with the zeal of belief, amazing things both good and bad are possible: the passage of civil rights legislation, the U.S. Olympic hockey team's victory in 1980, the destruction of 9/11 and the attacks on the London Underground in July 2005. Atran corrects misconceptions about suicide bombers and radical Islam, explaining how our tolerance for faith enables extremists to flourish, and shows why atheism and science education have little effect. Going beyond analysis, he offers practical solutions that can help us identify terrorists today, prevent the creation of future terrorists, and ultimately make the world a safer place for everyone.