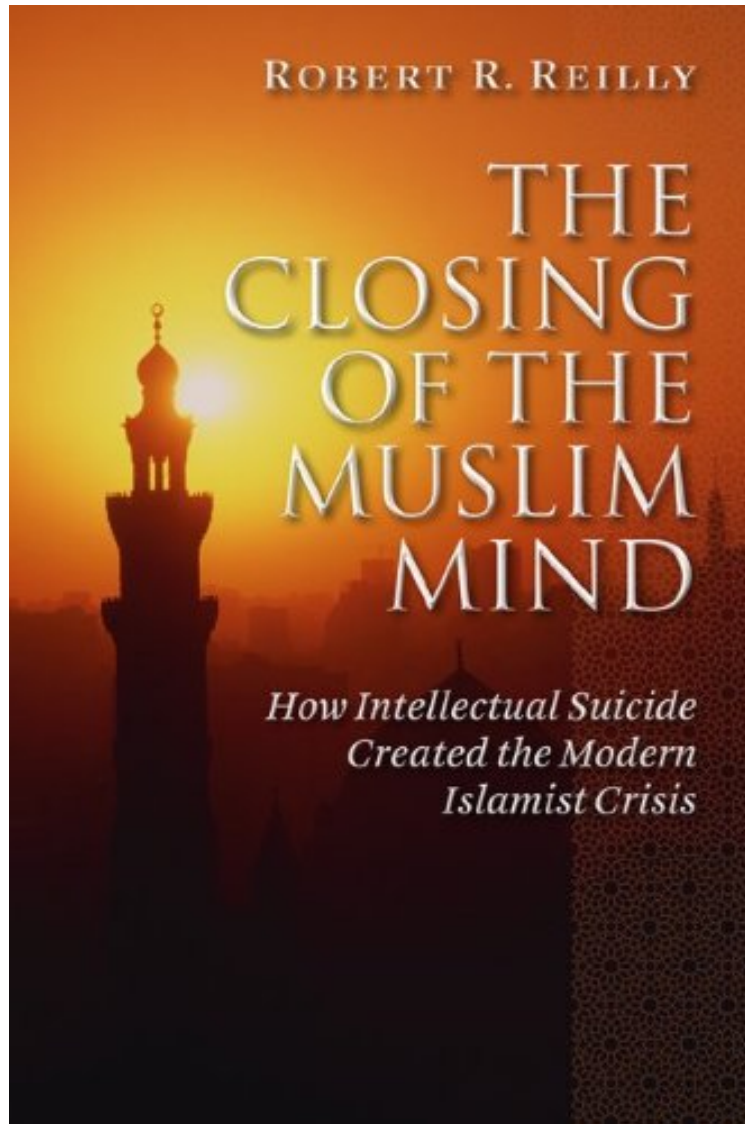


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book is very difficult to read as it reads like a text book. That being said it really does explain where Islam went wrong and why the Islamists think the way they do. It also offers up an alternative that I believe is achievable and at one time the norm for muslims. This book has inspired me to also read the Koran and as far as I can tell Mr. Reilly is right in line with the Koran when he references it. Once I got past the first half of the book I found it to be enjoyable and couldn't stop reading it. There are a lot of Arabic names and words in this book that are hard to keep track of but worth it to try.

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The book contains some interesting historical information about how Islam, at one time, embraced open discussion and freedom of thought, but has now morphed into a religion of intolerance - "worship as we dictate, or we will kill you". Unfortunately, this book is written for the under-grad or grad-student of philosophy, religion or literature. I have a Masters degree too, but it is in Engineering. And I found the vocabulary used to be an impediment to my enjoyment. The book is very tedious to read. If you are a High School graduate, or a college grad in a non-liberal arts major, and you still want to read this book, then I recommend you just read the final chapter and call it 'done'.

Islams Intellectual Suicide and the Threat to Us All People are shocked and frightened by the behavior coming out the Islamic world not only because it is violent, but also because it is seemingly inexplicable. While there are many answers to the question of what went wrong in the Muslim world, no one has decisively answered why it went wrong. Until now. In this eye-opening new book, foreign policy expert Robert R. Reilly uncovers the root of our contemporary crisis: a pivotal struggle waged within the Muslim world nearly a millennium ago. In a heated battle over the role of reason, the side of irrationality won. The deformed theology that resulted, Reilly reveals, produced the spiritual pathology of Islamism, and a deeply dysfunctional culture. Terrorism from 9/11, to London, Madrid, and Mumbai, to the Christmas 2009 attempted airline bombing is the most obvious manifestation of this crisis. But Reilly shows that the pathology extends much further. The Closing of the Muslim Mind solves such puzzles as: why peace is so elusive in the Middle East why the Arab world stands near the bottom of every measure of human development why scientific inquiry is nearly dead in the Islamic world why Spain translates more books in a single year than the entire Arab world has in the past thousand years why some people in Saudi Arabia still refuse to believe man has been to the moon why Muslim media frequently present natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina as Gods direct retribution Delving deeper than previous polemics and simplistic analyses, The Closing of the Muslim Mind provides the answers the West has so desperately needed in confronting the Islamist crisis.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING "The lack of liberty within Islam is a huge problem. Robert Reilly's The Closing of the Muslim Mind shows that a millennium ago Muslims debated whether minds should be free to explore the world and freedom lost. The intellectual history he offers helps to explain why Muslim countries fell behind Christian-based ones in scientific inquiry, economic development, and technology. Reilly provides astonishing statistics . . . [and] also points out how theology prefigures politics." World Magazine "As Robert R. Reilly points out in The Closing of the Muslim Mind . . . the Islamic conception of God as pure will, unbound by reason and unknowable through the visible world, rendered any search for cause and effect in nature irrelevant to Muslim societies over centuries, resulting in slipshod, dependent cultures. Reilly notes, for example, that Pakistan, a nation which views science as automatically impious given its view that an arbitrary God did not imprint upon nature a rational order worth investigating, produces almost no patents." American Spectator "What happened to moderate Islam and what sort of hope we may have for it in the future is the subject of Robert Reilly's brilliant and groundbreaking new book. The Closing of the Muslim Mind is a page-turner that reads almost like an intellectual detective novel... One thing Reilly's account makes clear: Only when we move beyond the common platitudes of our contemporary political discussion and begin to deal with Islam as it really is rather than the fiction that it is the equivalent of our Western culture dressed up in a burqa will we be able to help make progress in that direction."

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