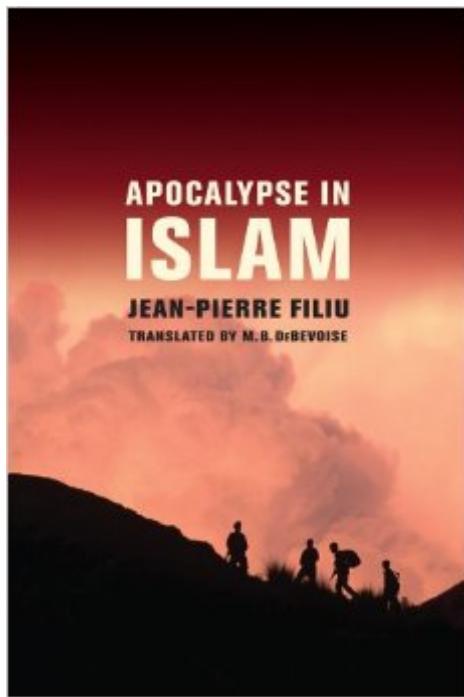


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# Apocalypse In Islam



## Synopsis

This is an eye-opening exploration of a troubling phenomenon: the fast-growing belief in Muslim countries that the end of the world is at hand; and with it the Great Battle, prophesied by both Sunni and Shi'i tradition, which many believers expect will begin in the Afghan-Pakistani borderlands. Jean-Pierre Filiu uncovers the role of apocalypse in Islam over the centuries, and highlights its extraordinary resurgence in recent decades. Identifying 1979 as a decisive year in the rise of contemporary millenarian speculation, he stresses the ease with which subsequent events in the Middle East have been incorporated into the intellectual universe of apocalyptic propagandists. Filiu also shows how Christian and Jewish visions of the Final Judgment have stimulated alarmist reaction in Islamic lands, both in the past and today, and examines the widespread fear of Christian Zionist domination as an impetus to jihad. Though the overwhelming majority of Muslims remains unpersuaded, the mounting conviction in the imminence of apocalypse is a serious matter, especially for those who are preparing for it.

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## Customer Reviews

I have a detailed review of this book up on Aaron Zelin's Jihadology site, so I'll just give you the gist of it here...I open with these two paragraphs:Jean-Pierre Filiu's book, *Apocalypse in Islam* (University of California Press, 2011) makes a crucially important contribution to our understanding of current events - it illuminates not just one but a cluster of closely-related blind-spots in our current thinking, and it does so with scholarship and verve. Al-Qaida's interest in acquiring nuclear weapons -- and Iran's - and the safety of Pakistan's nuclear materiel - and the situation in Jerusalem -

depending how you count 'em, there are a half dozen or so glaring world problems where one spark in the Mahdist underbrush might transform a critical situation. And yet as Ali Allawi put it in his talk to the Jamestown Foundation on Mahdism in Iraq a few years back, Mahdists ferment still tend to be "below our radar".and close with this conclusion:Filiu's book offers a powerful, accessible, and scholarly introduction to a set of critical issues that have largely escaped our notice until recently. Glenn Beck is about to thrust the topic of Mahdism before his core audience with an hour-long documentary this week, and the popular Christian fiction writer Joel Rosenberg's most recent novel is titled The Twelfth Imam - so Mahdism is seeping into popular awareness, particularly (and perhaps not surprisingly) in its Shi'ite form.Filiu's book is well placed to serve as an antidote, both to the popular misrepresentations and overstatements of Rosenberg and Beck, and to the casual dismissal that has characterized much scholarly consideration of these topics. It is an important book - and though the year is less than a month old, will very likely wind up being my choice for book of the year.Full review here:[â ]

I have read translations of the orthodox texts of Islam; the Sahih of Bukhari and Abu Muslim, the Sira of Ishaq, and the Qur'an. And, I have read "The Spirit of Islamic Law" by Weiss, so I have evidence to assent to a judgement for myself that Islam is a barbaric fantasy ideology of theft and conquest . But, not until I read this book did I fully comprehend the extremes of Islamic delusion and depths of nonsensical fantasies upon which modern Islam is founded.Read this excellent, scholarly book for an in-depth understanding of the nonsensical fantasy thinking that powers Islam ... and then, as I have done, read books that are translations of what exactly is written in orthodox Islamic texts and how those written details are turned into Islamic law, and you might assent to a judgement based on evidence and reason similar to my judgement;Islam is evil. Islam is truly evil.Further, I have assented to a judgement of truth to the statement that if the rest of us; the secular, the science minded, the tolerant of tolerance; don't make oil valueless as quickly as possible by switching to another type propulsion energy, then with the money from the sale of oil that feeds Islam's spread, Islam will eventually destroy human civilization's forward progress; and quite possible civilization itself.

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