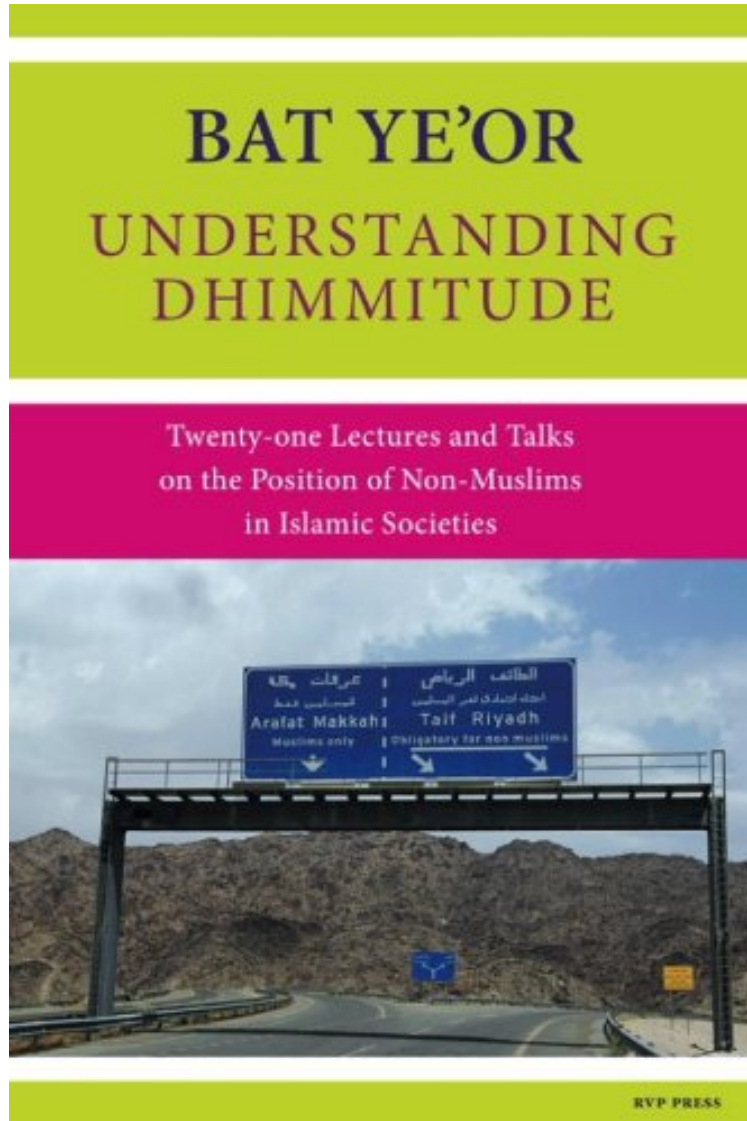


# Understanding Dhimmitude

Bat Ye'or

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**Bat Ye'or : Understanding Dhimmitude** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Understanding Dhimmitude:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Readers would also like "Jenna's Flaw" By Lee Tasey This book of lectures and talks by Bat Ye'or is a book for our times. It explains what jihad is (the struggle to spread Islam across the entire globe) and what dhimmitude is (the fate of Jews and Christians who've been conquered by Islamic jihad). The fate of these Jews and Christians, also known as "dhimmis," isn't good at all. As conquered peoples, the dhimmis live in a state of constant fear and humiliation. Why? Because the Muslim conquerors want the dhimmis to be aware that

they've rejected Allah and Muhammad. The life of a dhimmi isn't pretty, and it's not a stretch to say that they live like dogs. Furthermore, the regime of dhimmitude ensures that Jewish and Christian communities under Islamic rule are always in a state of decay and eventual destruction so that these communities can't compete with Islam, thus ensuring that Allah's religion reigns supreme. This book is relevant today because not only is the regime of dhimmitude still somewhat in operation (Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Iran, and so on), it could return with a vengeance to the world stage, especially if Muslims were to ever consolidate military and political power and go on the warpath once again to impose Islamic law on the globe. This poses a great danger to the Judeo-Christian West, because if Muslims were to finally conquer it, the nightmare known as dhimmitude would occur all over again. And those Jews and Christians who don't convert to Islam or who don't agree to become dhimmis will be fought against by the Muslims—that is, the Jews and Christians will be killed or enslaved. Readers of this book would also like "Jenna's Flaw," a novel about the death of Western civilization and how to save it.

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By Ken Freed Why do the Arabs so vehemently object to an Israel in their midst when making peace with it could bring nothing but material benefits? Why are mideastern Christian churches so anti Israeli? Why do Muslim countries expect more tolerance in European lands than they show in their own? Why dont Muslims (as a whole) assimilate into European societies?— Understanding DEEPLY ingrained Muslim concept of right and wrong, just and unjust, tolerant and intolerant, and superior and inferior are essential to answering the above questions. This book gives us eye opening and ground breaking background information on Dhimmitude: something so common and ubiquitous in the Muslim world - that it goes unnoticed and unreported here in the west. This book is one of the most concise and to the point books on THE salient issue surrounding Europes (and soon to be our) current day problems with jihad.

22 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Kowtowing of Christians/Jews by Islamists

By William Garrison Jr. "Understanding Dhimmitude" by Bat Ye'or, June 2013, papeback 242 pgs) or Kindle ebook. Bat Ye'or (meaning "daughter of the Nile") is a pseudonym of Gisle (Orebi) Littman, who was born into a Jewish family living in Egypt. She wrote about the Muslim mistreatment and enslavement of non-Muslims long before, at least two decades before, Islamo- fascists piloted their jihad-hijacked airplanes into the NYC World Trade Towers in Sept. 2001. In this book, the author reveals 21 lectures and talks that she has delivered since 1984; they are presented in chronological order. 's "view inside" feature lists the "chapters" or lectures, along with the book's 15-page preface, wherein she recounts how she started her public-speaking engagements, originally to Jewish then Christian audiences. So if you have already read her other books, why read this one? As the author explains: "In these lectures, I discussed contemporary events and the general ignorance and deceiving denial surrounding this subject" [of dhimmitude]. (p. 23). That is why these lectures are listed in chronological order, for a reader to see how the author's specialty topic developed and progressed. As she presents her lectures, she provides brief introductory remarks as to where and who had invited her, and the lecture's relevance in the study of dhimmitude; sometimes her lectures were a response to critiques of her earlier publications. These lectures provide a personal, human-interest look at the author, as she expresses her concerns in revealing a topic [dhimmitude] that was doubted by some of her early audience members. As she opined in a Dec. 1985 lecture: "Jihad is in fact a comprehensive system of warfare that is the fundamental ideological and pragmatic basis on which traditional Islam established and regulated its international relations with non-Muslim countries..." (p. 71), a very perceptive insight a half decade before Osama bin Laden voiced his opposition to U.S. military forces entering Saudi Arabia to deter Iraq's oil-thirsty leader: Saddam Hussein. For those who have read her other heavily cite-sourced books, I believe that this new publication will still be of interest in seeing the development of the author's thoughts as she reveals the horror of the Prophet Muhammed's imposition of jizyah-paying dhimmitude upon zindiq, kafir, dahri, mulhid and others with kuffar thoughts.

UNDERSTANDING DHIMMITUDE brings together for the first time twenty-one talks and lectures in which Bat Ye'or explains in layman's terms the essential concepts from her studies, the fruit of over four decades of groundbreaking research. "Bat Ye'or's pioneering studies of the Islamic concept of dhimmitude have revolutionized our understanding of Islam's past, present and future. She remains one of the few analysts in the world with the courage and insight necessary to tell the truth." -Robert Spencer, Jihad Watch "[Bat Ye'or is] the acknowledged expert on the plight of Jews and Christians in Muslim lands, and their vigorous champion." -Sir Martin Gilbert "Bat Ye'or's scholarship is highly impressive, and her analysis is as persuasive as it is terrifying. (. . .) It is imperative that these issues are openly discussed. There are, however, alarming signs of attempts in the West to shut down such discussion on spurious grounds of prejudice. This is, of course, itself a prime example of the condition of 'dhimmitude' which Bat Ye'or so graphically describes." -Melanie Phillips, Jewish Chronicle "It is not surprising that [Bat] Ye'or's study of jihad and dhimmitude has been stimulating substantial and disturbing discussion in academic and ecumenical circles. (. . .) Perhaps the single most significant contribution of the author is her definition and development of the concept of 'dhimmitude' (. . .) [Bat] Ye'or's books on dhimmitude and jihad have an essential place in the ecumenical world; ignoring them will only perpetuate illusion." -James E. Biechler, Journal of Ecumenical Studies "Bat Ye'or has enriched our understanding of how Islamic societies are structured by defining the concept of dhimmitude. Her contribution to Islam critique can't be underestimated. Yes, she and her late husband, the human rights activist and

historian David Littman, are the king and queen of the genre." -Professor Johannes J.G. Jansen