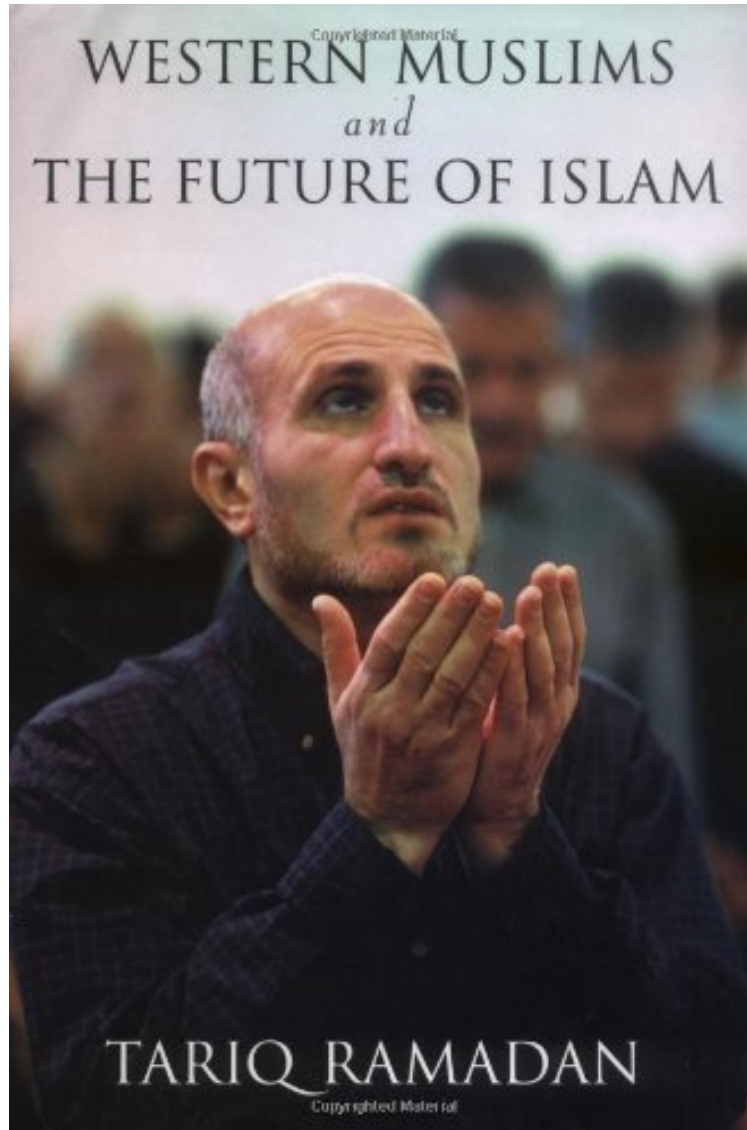


## Western Muslims and the Future of Islam

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states where they find themselves. He makes his case working comfortably within the mainstream Islamic theological and juridical tradition. In the spirit of interfaith dialogue, which Ramadan embraces, one might well describe this book as a practical catechism for Muslims in the West. There is much food for thought in it as well for non-Muslim majorities in the West and Muslim majorities in the Middle East. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Just as expected! By Bilal Just as expected! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Ijtihad By Ronald C Emery The education of Tariq Ramadan shows in his writing in that he is very mainstream in his thoughts. I guess I am looking for a new Islam that fits the individual freedoms of Americans. Tariq reasserts the authority of the ulama and suggests that we are in need of establishing their authority in the west. The west is the hope for the reemergence of ijthad in Islam. Ijtihad is the future of Islam in the west and the hope of the revitalization of Islam worldwide. I rate a 4 for effort not for conclusions. The future according to Tariq looks just like the past.

In a Western world suddenly acutely interested in Islam, one question has been repeatedly heard above the din: where are the Muslim reformers? With this ambitious volume, Tariq Ramadan firmly establishes himself as one of Europe's leading thinkers and one of Islam's most innovative and important voices. As the number of Muslims living in the West grows, the question of what it means to be a Western Muslim becomes increasingly important to the futures of both Islam and the West. While the media are focused on radical Islam, Ramadan claims, a silent revolution is sweeping Islamic communities in the West, as Muslims actively seek ways to live in harmony with their faith within a Western context. French, English, German, and American Muslims--women as well as men--are reshaping their religion into one that is faithful to the principles of Islam, dressed in European and American cultures, and definitively rooted in Western societies. Ramadan's goal is to create an independent Western Islam, anchored not in the traditions of Islamic countries but in the cultural reality of the West. He begins by offering a fresh reading of Islamic sources, interpreting them for a Western context and demonstrating how a new understanding of universal Islamic principles can open the door to integration into Western societies. He then shows how these principles can be put to practical use. Ramadan contends that Muslims can--indeed must--be faithful to their principles while participating fully in the civic life of Western secular societies. Grounded in scholarship and bold in its aims, *Western Muslims and the Future of Islam* offers a striking vision of a new Muslim Identity, one which rejects once and for all the idea that Islam must be defined in opposition to the West.

From Publishers Weekly Ramadan, named by Time magazine in 2000 as one of the 100 most important innovators of the coming century, argues that Islam can and should feel at home in the West. He takes stock of Islamic law and tradition to analyze whether Islam is in conflict with Western ideals; Ramadan is emphatic that there is no contradiction. He then spells out several key areas where Islam's universal principles can be "engaged" in the West, including education, interreligious dialogue, economic resistance and spirituality. Ramadan raises interesting issues about Islam's inherent critique of consumerism and its demanding spirituality, which "touches all the dimensions of life." Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. *Western Muslims and the Future of Islam* is must reading for Muslims and non-Muslims alike. Tariq Ramadan, a prominent intellectual-activist in Europe and America, represents a new generation of Islamic reformers. Seeking to apply the principles and values of Islam to the realities of modern or post-modern life, Ramadan takes up the challenge of reinterpretation and reform, critically and boldly addressing the major issues facing Muslims in the West, from faith and identity to political participation, economic life, and interreligious relations. --John L. Esposito, author of *Unholy War and What Everyone Needs to Know about Islam* "Thanks partly to Ramadan, Islam is on its way to becoming an integral part of Europe's religious landscape." --Time "The work of Tariq Ramadan will take its place in the annals of Islamic thought." --Le Monde Diplomatique "The Muslim philosopher Tariq Ramadan invites us to follow him in a reflection at once complex and profound.... This is a book for everyone who is willing to think." --Politis "Makes enormous strides in bridging the gap between Islamic values and Western culture." --The Beirut About the Author Tariq Ramadan is Professor of Philosophy at the College of Geneva and Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. He is the author of numerous books, including *To Be a European Muslim*. In 2000 he was named one of Time's 100 most important innovators for the 21st century.