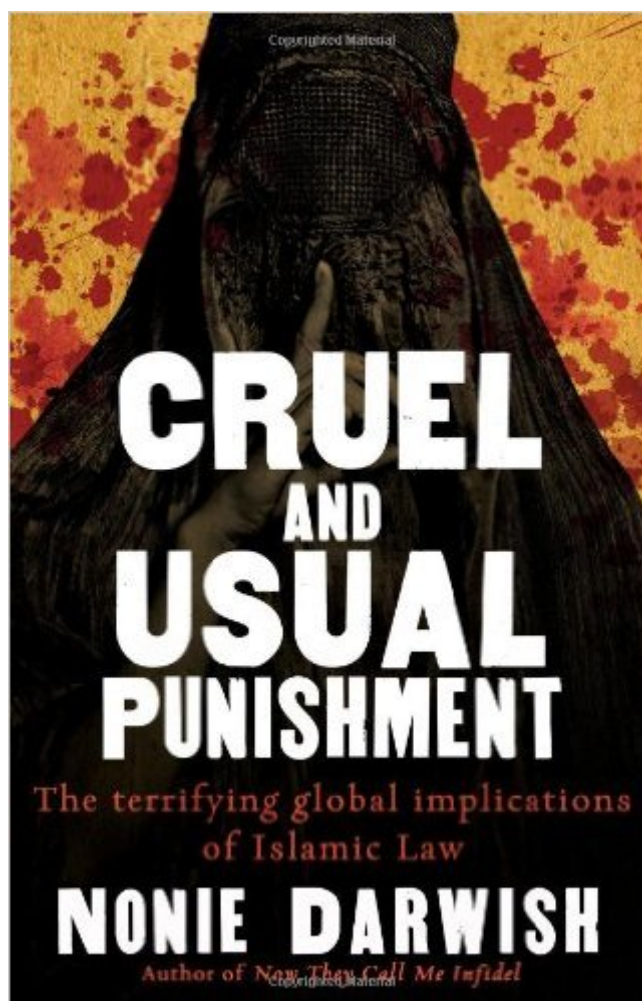


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Cruel And Usual Punishment: The Terrifying Global Implications Of Islamic Law



Synopsis

Nonie Darwish lived for thirty years in a majority Muslim nation. Everything about her life—family, sexuality, hygiene, business, banking, contracts, economics, politics, social issues, everything—was dictated by the Islamic law code known as Sharia. But Sharia isn't staying in majority Muslim nations. Darwish now lives in the West and brings a warning; the goal of radical Islam is to bring Sharia law to your country. If that happens, the fabric of Western law and liberty will be ripped in two. Under Sharia law: A woman can be beaten for talking to men who are not her relatives and flogged for not wearing a headdress Daughters, sisters, and wives can be legally killed by the men in their family Non-Muslims can be beheaded, and their Muslim killers will not receive the death penalty Certain kinds of child molestation are allowed The husband of a "rebellious" wife can deny her medical care or place her under house arrest Think it can't happen? In 2008, England—once the seat of Western liberty and now the home of many Muslim immigrants—declared that Sharia courts in Britain have the force of law. When Muslim populations reach as little as 1 or 2 percent, says Darwish, they begin making demands of the larger community, such as foot-level faucets for washing before praying in public schools, businesses, and airports. "Airports in Kansas City, Phoenix, and Indianapolis are among those who have already installed foot baths for Muslim cab drivers," writes Darwish. These demands test how far Westerners will go in accommodating the Muslim minority. How far will they push? The Organization of the Islamic Conference works to Islamize international human rights laws and apply Sharia "standards" for blasphemy to all nations. The penalty for blasphemy? Death. Weaving personal experience together with extensive documentation and research, Darwish exposes the facts and reveals the global threat posed by Sharia law. Anyone concerned about Western rights and liberties ignores her warning and analysis at their peril.

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Darwish's unique background enables her to clearly explain Islam to the Western reader. Although I read a few books on Islam after 9/11, this was the first description that enabled me to understand why there was not more outrage from moderate Muslims and religious leaders when thousands of American civilians were murdered in Islam's name. An important part of the understanding began with Darwish's explanation that Islam is not just a religion -- It is also a political and legal system. Darwish supports this assertion with scriptural statistics as well as concrete examples. Identifying political Islam helped this reader to consider it more objectively. Like many others, it is difficult for me to criticize another's religion (even silently in my own mind), but it is not hard to criticize a political or legal system that oppresses people. Thus, I could not reconcile 9/11 or dehumanization with religious Islam, but I can easily see how political Islam encourages such abuses. Darwish spent her first thirty years in Egypt and understands that "Most Muslims judge Islam by their kind, tolerant Muslim grandparents who prayed five times every day." But this did not prevent her from seeing extreme human rights abuses enforced through Sharia - which is now declared by forty-five Muslim countries to override the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She points out that while Westerners generally assume all religions encourage a respect for the dignity of each individual, Islamic law (Sharia) teaches that non-Muslims should be subjugated or killed in this world. Peace and prosperity for one's children is not as important as assuring that Islamic law rules everywhere in the Middle East and eventually in the world.

Nonie Darwish's rhapsody of truth entitled "Cruel and Usual Punishment: The Terrifying Global Implications of Islamic Law" is the most ardent explanation of Sharia law, and its horrors, that I have read yet. What a brave soul Ms. Darwish must be: to know so very well from her own life experiences as a Muslim, what a hostile and difficult road she has placed herself. But the attacks on her only exemplify her message of dire concern to the western world. That to orthodox Muslims, criticism of Islam is unacceptable; that questioning Sharia cannot be tolerated; that being different, gay, feminist, progressive, or simply tolerant of other faiths is punishable by imprisonment or death. I don't know that I have ever read a book and highlighted information on every single page...but this was exactly the case with "Cruel and Usual Punishment". From the preface... "About 60 million

Christians, 80 million Hindus and 10 million Buddhists were killed during the jihad conquest." to the last chapter (Getting Away with Murder)... "If Muslim governments and citizens have access to build mosques in America, then they must give the U.S. government and citizens the same access in their countries." there is not one page that didn't have a point worth marking. Although, as is the case with that last quote, hell will freeze over before Muslim countries ruled by Sharia Law will tolerate such nonsense as accepting any measure of equality. They would, in fact, have to break their own law by exhibiting such tolerance. Sharia, by definition, demands complete intolerance of any other socio-religious system and Nonie Darwish does a masterful and heartfelt job of proving it.

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