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To Be a European Muslim addresses some of the fundamental issues born of the several million strong Muslim presence in Europe in our times. Based on a thorough study of Islamic sources, it seeks to answer basic questions about European Muslims' social, political, cultural, and legal integration.

Tariq Ramadan is recognized worldwide for his original scholarship. He is a professor of Islamic studies at the University of Oxford and was named by *Time* magazine as one of the one hundred innovators of the twenty-first century.

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Hande says

I absolutely loved reading this book. It is very simple but addresses the most important aspects of our religion: its fundamentals, principles, philosophy, aims, sciences. At the same time it is fascinating to see how positive European countries were perceived in the time this book was published (1999): Ramadan keeps repeating about how we Muslims have the full rights and freedom from our governments to live and present our religion, and how if injustices against Muslims happen, this is mostly due to the incorrect way some people read and apply the laws, because of widespread prejudices towards Islam. Very interesting to read this perspective because I used to think, or let me say that Europe used to be like this too before. I remember the moment when profound realization hit me, realization that Europe was not as liberal and tolerant it claims to be. All in all, a very useful and eye-opening read, for both Muslims and non-Muslims, Europeans and non-Europeans.

Satriyo says

Saya baca buku ini versi Bahasa Indonesia. Saya belum ketemu setelah search di goodreads versi BI nya itu, sementara saya conteng dulu yang ini.

Altaf says

Although the title says "European Muslim," the book has no doubt valuable insights for us Americans/Canadians and in fact any Muslims living as "minorities" (only in number of course and not status). Yea, I really miss my copy of this book since Br. Mohamed Sheibani has it and will not return it ;)

Rebekka Steg says

To Be a European Muslim deals with the issue of Islam in Europe (bet you hadn't see that one coming!) To find the middle path between assimilating with the host country (i.e., behaving like any native European) or living as a "country within a country" (i.e., behaving as you would back "home" wherever that is), but rather realizing which parts of your behaviour are cultural (and therefore negotiable to a certain degree) and which parts are Islamic/religious (and therefore not negotiable). I think he's got some incredibly thought-provoking points that all Muslims could learn from and need to consider.

Μεδ Ρεδ?α says

Muslims in the West, in Europe as well as in the United States, have definitively registered in their respective countries. After years of a temporary presence, the time has come for the new generations to develop a reflection on scriptural sources, religious and ethical foundations and their roots in secularized societies.

Should Muslims in the West consider themselves on foreign soil, governed by coercion, with the sole duty to protect themselves from a "hostile" environment? Or do they have to feel "at home" and act as real citizens?

By naming the Western countries dar ash-shahada (space of the testimony), the Muslims thus exceed the old bipolar vision putting face to face Dar al-harb (the remains of the war) and Dar al-islam (the residence of the Islam). Considering themselves fully witnesses to humanity - according to the Qur'anic formula - they bear witness to what they are and their values, in an authentic contribution.

It is for Muslims to remain both faithful to their values ??and in tune with their environment. In other words: there is no question of being less Muslim to be more Western or European. It is possible, says Tariq Ramadan, to be convinced, sincere and practicing Muslims and genuine European citizens.

Nasser Alkhateeb says

Still reading this book.

I love Tareq Ramadan. I love his Europeanness and his islamicness and his frenchness and his fresh ideas and approaches into Islamic jurisprudence. I love the courage he has to jump into the deep end for the benefit of Muslims in all western secular democracies from the US to Europe to Australia.
