

~~Info Sheet~~ Resource List
Roots of Violence in the Name of Islam
Current Issues Club Members – April 2015

The discussion of violence and Islam may occupy the club for the next two months. During the 1st Friday SIG, the members in attendance determined that there are two aspects to the topic. In April we will explore the “Root Causes of Violence in the Name of Islam.” Sun City resident and author, C. Wayne Dawson, will provide an introduction to the history of Islam. We will discuss the roots of violence in the Islamic world, both within itself and against the West.

In May, we may discuss “What Can Western Democracies Do About Islamic Violence?” This will be confirmed in the May 1 discussion SIG.

Answering the initial question is a challenge. On the one hand there is strong support for the proposition that violence against non-Muslims is inherent in Islamic religious teachings. There is also support for the premise that factions reacting to the treatment of the Arabic world by the West since WWI have hijacked the religion of Islam as a justification for their actions. Making either of these arguments in a short fact sheet would be impossible so I suggest you refer to some or all of the web articles submitted by our membership:

RESOURCES SENT FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP. YOU BE THE JUDGE.

Islam is a religion of violence.

Catholic Answers

<http://www.catholic.com/documents/endless-jihad-the-truth-about-islam-and-violence>

Salon.com

http://www.salon.com/2015/04/04/islam_is_not_a_religion_of_peace_ayaan_hirsi_ali/

Roots of violence is NOT based on the Islamic religion.

Consortiumnews.com

<http://consortiumnews.com/2015/04/10/reasons-for-the-mideasts-despair/>