

## Hatred

Oriana Fallaci, author of **The Rage and the Pride**, a passionate response to 9/11, is on trial for **hatred**.

We doubt that the people putting her on trial would recognise hatred if it jumped up and killed them in the name of Sharia law.

When Islamofascist terrorists crash three planes full of innocent people into three buildings full of innocent people, that is hatred.

When Islamofascist thugs **stone women to death** for the crime of travelling with a male other than a relative, or chop off their fingertips for the crime of using nail polish; when Islamofascist terrorists want so badly to kill Jewish children that they are prepared to **die** for the privilege and **train their own children to do the same**, that is hatred.

When a person of Oriana Fallaci's insight and bravery draws on her extensive knowledge to condemn the culture that produces people who commit such crimes, that is sanity.

Racial or religious hatred is no part of either the motivation or the intention of this book. Yes, it is unvarnished and uncompromising. It disdains the taboos of 'political correctness', and in particular, the taboo against criticising cultures. It pulls no punches; but nor does it deliver them indiscriminately: her criticisms are specific and they are rooted in the starkly practical problem of what caused the attacks of September 11, 2001 and what can be done about it. She criticises Western culture as well as Islamic for setting up the conditions in which violent Islamofascism has thrived. We do not share her whole analysis, but the core of it is well judged and timely and should be taken on board by everyone who cares about the future of civilisation.

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### **The Rage and The Pride**

I agree that her book is not racist, and that it contains vital truths. I agree with most of its content.

However, I think that she makes a mistake that we ought to be careful to avoid. She seems to think that Islamic cultures can't \*ever\* be modern and will \*always\* be enemies, because Islam is

too corrupt to reform. I think that taking this attitude makes it more difficult to find solutions, even though she is correct that we will not become more peaceful or secure by pretending that existing Islamic culture is as good as existing Western culture.

But if we think that Islam is incapable of reform, how can we possibly stop people from wanting to kill us?

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