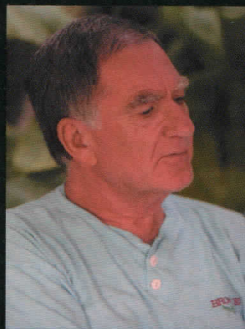


***Dying as a Shahid: Martyrs in Islam*** examines the motives, religious and psychological, which make the so-called "suicide bomber" tick.

What is usually so-called, must rather be termed "Islamikaze" a combination of Islam and kamikaze, due to the phenomenological resemblance between the Japanese kamikaze who fought in the Pacific during World War II, and the present-day Muslim terrorists.

In addition to the religious, social, and psychological underpinnings of the phenomenon of Shahid (martyr), there is a rich array of historical precedents that have fixated this sort of terrorism with self-immolation, dubbed "self-sacrifice," as a prominent feature of Islamic life.



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