

Terror Strikes – Synopsis – (coming Spring 2007)



Marten, a Detroit newsman, therefore a man of words, knew that the logical manifestation of his abilities meant a manuscript would be his best method to contribute, to the calling he felt he had received following 9/11. He knew he must do something...

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Marten was fearful of the future his children would be inheriting. Since 9/11 thoughts of terrorist plots invaded his dreams. It were as if the souls of those whose lives were so tragically cut short haunted him, taunted, tempted, begged, pleaded, him to avenge them. To tell their story so that their deaths would not have been in vain.

Marten and his wife were looking forward to the day that they would be able to move to a smaller community to continue to raise their children, and this forthcoming book was to help provide service to his family, and to help make that dream a reality. It would indeed be a book, but more... A book within a book, the stories behind the news stories, a meaning amongst the madness.

Gain an inside look into attacks leading up to the deadliest attack on American soil, as well as existing dangers still posed by those who wish to form American public opinion and manipulate behavior, through scare tactics by targeting innocents.

Terror Strikes weaves a tale of actual events and fictional portrayal of a new attack on Americans, to send a message that no one is safe from the long reach of Al-Qaeda.

From the book . . . (*Awakening*)

Marten realized the indefectible truth: the war against terrorism is the ultimate existential fight of good versus evil. An undeniable struggle between those who desire all humankind to live in peace and prosperity allied against those that hate. Hatreds based on jealousy, blind bigotry, unrestrained power, and unjustified and irrational religious notions.

Misguided by personal scars that foment hatred, desire for power, and vengeance, these Gijia (Global Islamic Jihad Interim Army) members, believers, and supporters, are driven to kill. Misconceived and distorted notions of non-Islamic peoples provide a fertile ground to instill deceptive seeds of hate. This perverse conjecture of lumping entire classes of people into one prejudiced assembly is not limited to now-days terrorist hate mongers, but has never before been such a prevalent and destructive force.

Gijias consist of extreme Islamic/Muslim radicals; and some would even point out correctly; “fascists.” It is quite clear that these individuals, and their supporters, believe they are the only ones qualified to determine what is moral and good, and that they must impose those beliefs on the world. They are not happy within their own countries; they are compelled to enslave the entire planet to their proclivities.

To defend against this struggle will continue to require assaults of military might, and yet the most basic and gentle characteristics of human kindness. The need to teach that Christians, Jews, and Muslims alike, wish joy and peace, and not degradation and oppression; to realize that there are evil individuals that exist within every categorization of peoples. That the complete annihilation of any class, or group, of people is an unholy notion in any Religion.

Also from the book . . . (*Al-Jazeera*)

It is clear, to Marten, that these fanatics will never cease attacking Americans. Why otherwise reasonable people cannot see that this is strictly an issue of power and religious zealotry remains beyond him. They want us dead, and it will not end unless we allow them to destroy us, or we are able to defeat them militarily. It seemed the world was full of Neville Chamberlains; and very few had learned histories lesson!

Usama bin Laden seems to see himself as a new Muhammad, or worse, as more powerful and with all consuming importance, imbued by God, above that of the original Muslim Prophet.

Also from the book . . . (*Misdirection*)

The truth be told is that it is not just the Gijias that spread such misgivings and rift amongst all peoples. Much information, of religious nature, has been lost or withheld from the masses. Each faith, and what only makes sense to each religious conviction, is to pass on only the knowledge and wisdom that is desired to be bestowed upon its believers.

Humankind has only been able to grasp a certain degree of enlightenment, concerning its own pretexts, let alone 'supposedly' conflicting, or competing, creeds. The very nature of the separation of many denominations of the Christian faith demonstrates that fact. Some of the very foundations of the Christian faith beg question. It is demanded that 'Faith' allow acceptance, and that all truth shall be imparted upon our ascension.

At the time of Constantine, the Roman emperor, came the notion of developing an official text; a new Bible. The culmination of the Old and what was to become the collection of Gospels that would comprise the New Testament. It was still more than a century later until the concept was to come into fruition.

The confusion and mistrust among religions, and even amongst denominations within one faith, is fueled by the existence of many versions and interpretations of Christian Gospel and Bibles that exist. Likewise, multiple versions of Islamic texts exist, in the form of the Qur'an, the Koran, and other manuscripts. With each new language translation

Each new language translation would yield new interpretations. Only those accessing original texts were assured a view that was not skewed.

Even today, while we have come two millennia from Christ's birth, many people today cannot entertain any questions of their faith. People have only the most fundamental understanding of the faith they consider so much a cornerstone of their character. So many are unable, or unwilling, to educate themselves beyond a basic understanding.

The issue is not one of questioning a faith, but rather questioning whether one is following the basic tenets of the creed. Challenging devotion is not the same as questioning beliefs. Many seem afraid that if they test the conviction of themselves, by seeking knowledge of their faith beyond their preprogrammed accepted wisdom of their dedication would somehow endanger their salvation. It is that abject fear that keeps them away from religious texts that are claimed to be the very foundation of the commitment.

The misdirection of enthusiastic, but naive, individuals is what has seemingly led to the perverse acts of destruction targeting innocent people in the name of religion. It is only the uninformed mind that can

allow the heart to be twisted into hate within a faith based in love, peace, acceptance, and understanding.

Coupled with those who may be easily misled, are those reclusive hooligans and ne'er-do-wells who seemingly will lend themselves to any cause just for the sake of being able to commit acts of war, terror, or crimes against any. Usama was not willing to lay down his arms after the Afghan/Soviet war fight and sought a new enemy to perpetuate his God like status amongst followers.

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