The purpose of this article is to identify what the Western World should have learned, in the years after 9/10, about its enemy (i.e., the jihadism) and about itself. The author formulates 15 lessons, clustering them under three headings: Understanding the Enemy. Reconceiving Realism and Deserving Victory.
Many Muslims wish to wage holy war against the West in order to bring about the triumph of their faith. In doing so, some countenance tactics of terror, as we learned to our horror on 9/11.

It's worth pausing briefly to consider the case of [Iranian] President Ahmadinejad, who embodies a distinctively Shiite form of jihadism … Shiite jihadists, like Ahmadinejad, have a somewhat different strategic goal [from Sunni jihadists]: to hasten the return of a messianic figure, the Twelfth Imam … he and those of his cast of mind believe themselves obligated to do whatever they can to hasten the arrival of the messianic age — including incinerating Israel, even if that results in the destruction (or, as they would say Faith, Reason, and the Wa has been added to your Cart. Add to Cart. Turn on 1-Click ordering for this browser. *A stirring book: the battle of ideas against Islamist radicalism is now
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