

Are modern wars not holy wars?

Outline:

1) Introduction

Thesis Statement:

A persistent query that tests the abilities of modern theorists is the question whether modern wars are holy or not. And while a small faction agrees that modern wars do have the same spirit as the earlier wars had, an overwhelming majority thinks otherwise. It is clear even after a superficial analysis that modern wars have no element of 'holiness' in them. These wars are waged solely for geopolitical and economic benefit.

- 2) What makes a war 'holy'?
- 3) Modern wars are devoid of the spirit, circumstances and aims of a holy war (Thesis)

a) Modern wars don't aren't waged to establish the supremacy of God.

b) Governments wage wars to further their geopolitical agendas

Case in Point: Geopolitics between Iran and Saudi Arabia

c) Religious fundamentalists following extremist agendas

Case in point: Ideology of ISIS

d) The West has totally abandoned its idea of Holy war and spirit of crusades

Case in point: Claim by Nietzsche "God is Dead"

e) Western imperialism and colonialism never had a hint of 'holiness'

4) Ultimate aim of all modern warfare is to attain and sustain ~~regit~~ religious superiority (Anti-Thesis)

a) Muslims are holding tight onto their jihadist ideology

b) Most modern wars are based on ethno-religious claims

Case in point: Russia-Ukraine war and Hamas-Israel conflict

c) Fundamentalists may be following perverted versions of their ideologies but are still based on 'religion'

d) Irrespective of what Western Philosophers claim, West is still adhering to

e) its Calvinistic ideology and spreading it. Western imperialism is a form of modern crusades

5) Modern warfare seems to be waged under the garb of religion yet it is solely fueled by worldly motives

a) Muslims have forgotten the idea that jihad is waged to end corruption and not spread hate and brutality

b) Both Russian-Ukraine and Hamas-Israel wars have religious/ideological contours.

c) Fundamentalist claims are fueled by socio-political and economic ideologies

d) In their pursuit of Calvinistic ideals, the western nations have forgotten religion

e) Crusades were waged to reinstate christianity not exploit the poor

6) Conclusion

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