

## New Book Lays the Foundation for a Modernized Islam

Cincinnati, OH – What will be the final outcome in Iraq? Is it possible to spread democracy throughout the Middle East and Northern Africa? How bad is America's economy? Could the Euro or gold surpass the dollar? These are just some of the questions debated in barbershops, at kitchen tables and on talk radio shows around the nation and world.

Dr. Susmit Kumar offers answers to those questions and provides solutions in his new book, "The Modernization of Islam" ([www.ModernizationOfIslamBook.com](http://www.ModernizationOfIslamBook.com)). "There is not much America can do to stop the rise of Islamic Militancy in Iraq.

Unfortunately, the extremists rising to power is a necessary step in the birthing process of democracy," reveals the previous member of the prestigious India Administrative Service, which influences and implements government policy

The Founding President of the Prout Institute of United States draws parallels between early 20th century Europe and present day Islamic society, "Had Europe not endured the labor pains of World Wars I and II, it might still be ruled by Monarchs." Dr. Kumar further explains after Islamic nations succumb to the grips of extremists, the people will eventually rise up against fundamentalism.

"It is at that point the majority of Islamic nations will become secular and democratic, like Turkey," he continues. Once Turkey gained its independence in 1923, nationalists introduced several radical political, cultural and social reforms including closing the Islamic courts.

Dr. Kumar points out that it has remained free ever since shedding its fundamentalists' rule, "Despite being 99 percent Muslim, Turkey has been a fairly successful example of a secular democratic state for over 80 years." He adds that before a democratic rebirth can occur in Iraq or any other Islamic nation, the labor pains have to take place.

The war in Iraq has become the nation's most debated issue because of all that has been committed and allocated to fighting it. "But we have to leave," Dr. Kumar powerfully contends. "We cannot do anything more there and it is costing us our people, money and resources."

According to Dr. Kumar, the more than \$2 billion spent per week by the U.S in Iraq should be spent on Americans or not at all bearing in mind the growing trade deficit (\$700 billion per year) and budget deficits. In last 7 years, America's debt has increased from \$5 trillion to \$9 trillion, and, he adds, "The latest bestseller by a Nobel Prize winner in Economics predicts the total price tag of the war may surpass \$3 trillion considering the indirect costs of veteran care."

These factors worry Dr. Kumar, "Taking advantage of our dollar being global currency, Fed just prints dollars whenever it feels necessary. Because of our huge debt, OPEC is considering a switch in oil pricing from the dollar to the Euro. If the Euro makes further gains and takes over has the global currency, a potential doomsday scenario could play out for the U.S. economy affecting America's military might." If America eventually faces this situation, it would be constrained financially and militarily leaving Middle Eastern and North African allies even more vulnerable.

Dr. Kumar offers an economic solution to that would help not only America, but also those countries struggling so badly financially that their people fall prey to the beliefs of Islamic Extremists. He advocates an economic system that increases the purchasing power of individuals, not the gross national product, "Developing the home-grown strengths of various societies and their peoples will allow them to participate on a more equal basis in the world to come."

He concludes by disclosing, "Democracies are built on equality and extremists fear it. That's why eventually equality will be the foundation of the modern Islam."

## About the Author

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