

The Two Kingdoms of Terror

The LaRouche Show on Oct. 20 hosted two EIR specialists, Arabic-language editor Hussein Askary, who is based in Stockholm, Sweden, and New Delhi correspondent Ramtanu Maitra, based in Leesburg, Va. Each addressed the question of the Anglo-Saudi terrorism behind 9/11/2001 and 9/11/2012.

The Internet radio program runs every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, at <http://larouchepub.com/radio/index.html>. This week's host was Marcia Merry Baker.

Hussein Askary: First of all, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the British Kingdom are actually inseparable; they are one entity. Saudi Arabia, from its inception almost a century ago, was a British project. And also, the domination of the so-called Saudi and other sheikdoms in the region coincided with the British move into the Indian Ocean and India in the 18th Century; but then later became more and more involved in running the affairs of these countries. And all these small countries along the Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia were created, physically and practically, by the British.

Now although there is a long history of the British Empire's operations in Asia, in Southwest Asia, the thing is that since the murder of Qaddafi last October, we were put on a trajectory towards a global conflict. The United States, NATO, the British are face-to-face now with Russia and China, right in Syria, in the same region, where the Saudis, and the British, and the Obama Administration are very active in supporting a bloody war, which could expand beyond Syria into the whole of Eurasia, and get us into a direct conflict with Russia.

As Lyndon LaRouche has warned, that kind of conflict is not going to be irregular warfare, as we saw in

Afghanistan in the 1980s, but it's going to be thermo-nuclear war.

The real issue here is that the British Empire's intention—or the Anglo-Saudi Empire, we can call it—is to destroy the idea of the sovereign nation-state. That includes all nations, not only in the region, but including the United States and Europe. There are different methods being used to destroy this principle of national sovereignty. In Europe, we see it here today, in the banking and financial crisis, whereby a super-European state is being established, or the intention is to establish it. In the United States, it's to turn the United States from a sovereign republic into an empire, which would be a subsidiary of the British Empire.

When, in October last year, Russia and China vetoed the UN Security Council resolution for intervention in Syria, what they were discussing was exactly this principle of national sovereignty. That this is the last front line we have before we go into a world war, and that has to be protected and preserved.

Religious War

So this is really what the story is. And Saudi Arabia and its allies—Qatar and Turkey right now—are actively involved in promoting this option for the British Empire, because they have their hands on control in the region and they are using this religious aspect, which is really a very, very dirty and nasty way of running warfare. We are faced with actually religious warfare in the whole region. It did not start with the murder of Qaddafi, but since the so-called Arab Spring, which was militarized by the Obama Administration and NATO, and the British and their allies, we have turned the whole thing from a protest against economic injustice, into turning the whole Southwest Asia/North Africa region into fanatic religious states, with the so-called Salafis and Wahhabis taking over, with money and weapons in the region.

This has been a project in progress for a long time, as I said, since the British got into the Indian Ocean. The Saudi Kingdom, I have to say, is not really a state; it's some sort of a company. It's like the British East India



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The beautiful Al-Askari Mosque in Samarra, Iraq, built in 944, is a shrine beloved of Shi'ite Muslims. It was bombed in 2006 (shown) and again in 2007. The British and Saudi empires are fanning the flames of religious war.

Company, which was not an English government. It was a financial-economic enterprise, which had armies and intelligence organs, and used the people in England and the colonies as the cannon fodder and the tool to run the policies for the British oligarchy and empire.

Unfortunately, it created a monster in its own image, which is Saudi Arabia and the other Gulf States, which are absolute monarchies. There are no elections, there are no real human rights for people. And these countries are being run—Saudi Arabia is a perfect example—by tribal alliances, intermarriages, and control of religion, which is the so-called Wahhabi sect or cult. It's not really a doctrine of Islam; it's a cult which was established in 1744, when Muhammed Abdul Wahab, the founder of the cult, made a political alliance with Muhammed ibn Saud, who is the great-great-grandfather of the current king. And they established a political entity.

But they were, actually, in the area of Diriyah, in the eastern Arabian Peninsula (in the northern part of the capital, Riyadh), they were bandits, who were attacking other tribes, and looting them. They were attacking and looting pilgrims, who were coming from Iraq, from the other areas in the Ottoman Empire, and looting and raping.

They were a bunch of bandits, who expanded their power through their brutality, but also with British support. And by 1818, they became so powerful that they threatened the Ottoman Empire, and the Ottomans sent the son of Muhammed Ali Pasha from Egypt, and he almost finished off the al-Saud/Wahhabi alliance, and the al-Saud were sent into exile.

But in 1892, they had come back, and the British had become established there, in the whole Gulf region of their colonies, in what today is Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, in Yemen, Aden, and so on. They had established themselves on the ground. But in 1892, when the al-Saud family came back from exile, they entered an alliance and signed agreements with the British Empire, to get both financial support and weapons, to recapture the areas which had been under their control.

During World War I, the British entered the war with the Ottoman Empire. The al-Saud family and the Wahhabis became a key factor in the fight against the Ottomans. In that process, al-Saud and their tribes, and the Wahhabis, got control of most of the eastern Arab Peninsula. Then, by 1925, still under the control of British Army officers, including one called William Shakespeare—unfortunately, he had the same name as William Shakespeare—but also, Sir John Philby, who was the advisor to King Abdullah Aziz al-Saud, and they captured the western part of Arabia, called al-Hejaz, which was under another of the British allies, the Sharif Hussein family (the Hashemites). And Sharif Hussein was sent into exile.

Then, by 1932, Abdul Aziz al-Saud established himself as king over Saudi Arabia. To my knowledge, this is the only country in the world which is named after the king. So Saudi Arabia is the al-Saud family's own enterprise, which is a real tragedy. Because it's not that the case that there are no people in Saudi Arabia who could govern themselves and establish a modern state. The



The alliance between the House of Saud and the British Empire. Above, Prince (and future king) Faisal (front) leads the Saudi delegation to the Versailles Conference in 1919, with British agent T.E. Lawrence to his left; on the right: Prince Faisal (center, top) in 1919 with other dignitaries and British agent St. John Philby, to his left.



problem is that the alliance with the British Empire had established the al-Saud family, and the Wahhabi cult, as the main power in the country.

Oil and Nationalism

And especially with the discovery of oil in 1938, the resources of Saudi Arabia turned from being merely a strategic asset, into an economic-financial-strategic asset in the British Empire's world order, especially after World War II. The oil money was used and has been used, and is still used, for British operations of destabilizations. The most famous of them was the Afghan War, where the so-called jihadists in Afghanistan were supported with Saudi and other Arab money, and arms and intelligence from the British and the United States' different organs, to start the war against the Soviets.

But even before that, when after World War II, you had nationalist movements in Egypt, in Syria, in Iraq, in North Africa—these were nationalist movements against imperialism. The British, who were dominating most of these countries—they were the colonialists—and the puppets they had put there after World War II to run the countries were threatened by the nationalist movement. What the Saudi role was, and the so-called Islamist movement, has

been to tarnish all the nationalist movements as “communist, godless” people, just to undermine the nationalist movements in these regions, and the whole idea of establishing modern nation-states.

By 1968, actually, the Saudis had been involved in many coup attempts in Syria and against Gamal Abdul Nasser in Egypt. They supported the Muslim Brotherhood to destabilize Nasser, all the way from 1952, to his death in 1970.



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Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nasser was targeted by the Saudis and the British because of his nationalism and desire to create a modern nation-state. Here he is being cheered after nationalizing the Suez Canal Company, Aug. 1, 1956.

This operation was to create the so-called religious alternative, the so-called pan-Islamist movement, or pan-Islamist entity, as a replacement for the nation-states and the anti-imperialist nationalist movements. It was spearheaded by the Saudis, especially from 1969, when other British puppets in the region, the so-called extremists in the Zionist movement, set fire to the al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. And since then, the politi-

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The Saudis were sitting on a large amount of financial resources, intelligence, and military backing from the British, and later the United States, *and* their religious control, because tens of millions of people go every year in pilgrimage, from all over the world, to Mecca and Medina, in Saudi Arabia. So the Saudis have been using both their religious and economic position there, to spread the rigid so-called Wahhabi, or Salafi, teachings, which are actually a threat to other Islamic established sects.

Not only do we have the classical picture that Dick Cheney was pushing, during the Bush Jr. Administration, to create a so-called Sunni alliance against the Shi'a alliance—the Shi'a being Iraq, Iran, and Syria, and Hezbollah in Lebanon; and the Sunnis being the other Arab countries. But it's not really true, because the Wahhabis are a threat to the other Sunni sects, too. Because of geopolitics, they say, "We support the Sunni movements in Syria and Iraq, against the Shi'a influence, and against Iran." But in the end, they would be threatening the other Sunni sects, like the Maliki, Hanafi, Shafi'i, and Hanbali, which are dominant in Iraq, in Turkey, in Syria, in Egypt, and so on.

So it is a false picture that there's a Sunni-Shi'a conflict. That's not really the issue. The issue is that the Saudis, and the British behind them, have been

pushing the sectarian conflict in the region, under the *pretext* that they represent the Sunnis. But even the Sunnis are totally scared about the Wahhabi influence in these countries, and it's spreading like wildfire all over North Africa, even in Egypt. And ironically, they are in conflict now with even the Muslim Brotherhood, because they don't regard the Muslim Brotherhood as following the pure teachings of the so-called Salaf there—what they think of as the original Islamic way of worshipping and living. But it has very little to do, really, with the origins of Islam. And there are many Sunnis in the Muslim countries who are now warning against this Salafi/Wahhabi invasion of these countries. And they understand it as part of an imperial force.

British-Saudi Terror

Now what we have had, also, is the Wahhabi/Salafi movement as the basic ingredient in the creation of the so-called Islamist terrorist groups, like al-Qaeda and their off-shoots, which started in Afghanistan, with the indoctrination of Wahhabi cult thoughts; these are spreading all the way to the borders of Russia and China, in the Caucasus in Central Asia, and in the western part of China. They are trying to increase their influence, and to use these Wahhabi and Salafi militant groups as tools against Russia and China, to destabilize these two countries.

EIR has actually had the record on this—both the history, but also practically, who is who, and who is running what. I recommend that the new [report](#), "Obama's War on America: 9/11 Two," should be read by everyone who is interested in solving the question of terrorism. There are no so-called private terrorist groups! Al-Qaeda was a Saudi-British creation; it was run by the British. In certain periods, you have differences between them. But in the end, they cannot survive without the financial support, weapons, intelligence, and even protection, but also drug money, which is being laundered in the Gulf countries.

Now Obama wants to bomb some groups in Libya, the people who killed Ambassador Stevens; these are not a small group, not even a large, separate group. These are all part of the whole Anglo-Saudi army which is now being run as a supranational force, a force of globalization. In economic globalization, you have the multinational companies; and now you have the multinational terrorist groups, who can run over borders of sovereign nations. And that's really the issue with the

so-called Islamist terrorist groups. *They are being run as an international army by the Anglo-Saudis, to destroy nation-states, and terrorize populations to go to the side of the Saudi-Wahhabi cult.*

So that's where we have the danger, the abolishing of the principle of national sovereignty, creating religious war situations all over Eurasia and Africa; even in Sub-Saharan Africa, these Wahhabis are active right now. And this will put us into a direct confrontation with Russia and China—a global conflict. So that's really the issue.

And time is running out actually for these countries, because this religious fanaticism, which is spreading all over the area, would be very, very difficult to wind back, to go back to a time when people were thinking about being citizens in modern, secular nation-states, where religious practice and religious rights were protected. These are modern nations, not religious states. The Turkish government maybe believes, or is dreaming of an Ottoman religious empire, and to establish empires across borders with this religious, fanatic belief structure.

So that's really a very, very big danger to the world, but also to the societies there, who can make great contributions to the world, economically, culturally, and so on; but now these countries are being destroyed. That really has been the intention of the British Empire, by creating and supporting the Saudi Kingdom.

Marcia Merry Baker: Everyone should recall that the commission that studied who was behind 9/11 [2001], and how it came about, has a section in [its report] that Obama will not release; before him, Cheney and Bush would not release it—it was 28 pages. It was former Senator from Florida, Bob Graham, who has called for this to be released. He knows what's in it, and this is the kind of thing you were just describing, that we presume is there. We're told it's there. And Obama said in 2009, a month after he was inaugurated, he told some of the families connected to those 3,000 people killed in New York City, "I will see that it's released." He has seen that it's even more tightly locked up!

So everything you just described, the nature of what you described, is horrendous and places it in history, in terms of what the British Empire did in India. We have quite a task to turn this back, but it again focuses on the task, that people should *un-elect* Obama; we should have gotten him out of office, through impeachment or coercion, even before now.

But Tanu, you may want to say something on that aspect of this, and we can follow through.

It Didn't Start with 9/11

Ramtanu Maitra: What I notice is that the British-Saudi thing that Hussein Askary described, has happened through the centuries. However, one thing that really has created this enormous threat that exists today, definitely did not start with 9/11: 9/11 is a manifestation of that. Real problems started when the Soviets came into Afghanistan, and then, the entire anti-Soviet forces in the world, which included everybody who is considered as not a communist, all the religious fanatics, the democracy-lovers, and people who said they believed in the sovereign nation-state—all of them came together and started bringing up armed terrorists in Afghanistan, with the intent to defeat the Soviet Union. And that was done.

After the Soviets invaded Afghanistan, over the next ten-year period, enormous amounts of money and enormous amounts of arms training were given, and the whole area in this process got compromised, because anybody who wanted to prevent the Red Army from moving into the Arabian Sea or eastward, was eager to help them.

So, in 1989, when it was over, you had thousands of these trained terrorists, who became available then at a very cheap price to all those who wanted to use them. These terrorists had nothing, they had nowhere to go, so they lingered in Afghanistan-Pakistan's undefined border areas. Most of the countries, like Algeria, Morocco, and others, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries, who had supplied these individuals to fight the Soviets, were not interested in taking these people back. They had given them, but they didn't want to take them back, because these monarchies in Arabia were, and still are, extremely fragile. They're run by families, and they rule these countries ruthlessly, suppressing the population. Often they take the sectarian line to suppress their people; often they adopt other methods. Nonetheless the basic objective of these small families



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that rule those countries is to continue maintaining their rule over Arabia.

So, they didn't want to take them back, because they know these people could be extremely dangerous, and could turn around and unseat them in no time. So, the British at that point in time, picked up a lot of these terrorists. And they got their projects all set up.

One of these projects, was, of course, to get rid of Muammar Qaddafi. Qaddafi was independent. Qaddafi had his flaws, but like some other rulers, he was very stable at that point in time. Qaddafi's Libya was making a lot of money, and Qaddafi was distributing a lot of that money to his people. Despite the tribal tensions that existed in Libya, general living conditions in Libya were much superior, on average, for the citizens of Libya in general, than in Saudi Arabia then, and even today.

But Libya has a lot of oil, and the British wanted to get rid of Qaddafi. They brought in a number of these well-trained terrorists, and Osama bin Laden, who was, by that time in 1989, already a wealthy merchant whose family owned one of the top construction firms in Saudi Arabia. In fact, the Binladen Group is one of the top companies in Saudi Arabia. Osama was handing out money to maintain his own group of people, who were preaching Wahhabism.

So Osama was brought into the fold by the British, and he was used in this project of getting rid of Qaddafi. A whole bunch of Libyan terrorists who were in Afghanistan fighting the Russians could not go back, because Qaddafi would have nothing to do with them either. And so the Brits recruited them, and through Osama's network, got them to participate in a plot to eliminate Qaddafi. With Osama's help, the British, who were masterminding the whole thing, tried to assassinate Qaddafi.

Although that plot failed in 1995, the British continued to hold onto their assets, and later, in 2011, they pumped them up again to achieve their objective. In 2011, the Brits got much larger support—in fact, the



Libya's Muammar Qaddafi, although he certainly had his flaws, was improving living conditions in his country and was independent of the British and the Saudis. So they got rid of him.

whole Western world's support—to get rid of Qaddafi. So the old project was back, and the terrorists were sent in.

The Saudi Angle

Now, these terrorists, who were trained and armed in Afghanistan—a large part of their funding was done by the Arab monarchies. Britain never funded them. The British always laid down the policy, laid down the design, structured the plots, sheltered and harbored the terrorists, but the money was always coming from Arabia. Saudi Arabia has always been the largest donor in this whole business, and some money came from the Kuwaitis, and to a certain extent, from Qataris and others.

But the Saudis always had an angle to all this. This angle of the House of Saud was always to propagate, through violent means, their extreme orthodox form of Islam. Their form of Sunni religion—Wahhabism, accepted by a small sect, compared to the overall Sunni population in the Islamic world—was pushed with the intent of getting control over the Islamic world. And therefore, these terrorists were also indoctrinated with the Wahhabi form of religion, the most virulent form of Sunni orthodox religion. After the Soviet Union collapsed, a large number of these Wahhabis were pushed into Central Asia—into Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan, in particular, the four newly formed nations that had been part of the erstwhile Soviet Union.

Now, the problem was that these Central Asian countries are extremely poor. The Saudis used their money to print thousands of Qurans in Pakistan. Pakistan has air service to Tashkent and Dushanbe in Tajikistan—and they used these air services to load cratefuls of the Saudi version of the Quran to these countries, and distribute them. These Wahhabis, many of whom were trained by the Britain-headquartered Hizb ut-Tahrir, opened up free food centers, and recruited locals, the way evangelical missionaries do in many poor countries. Also, at the same time, some of those Wahhabi evangelists were terrorists who were recruiting people

to arm them against their respective governments. It was easy. Because of the dire poverty, people were disgruntled, and these locals were organized into terrorist groups.

There are two or three big terrorist groups that now operate in Central Asia, whose objective is to unseat all the Central Asian heads of state who were previously part of the Soviet Union. These Central Asian heads of states are secular, they have very little connection to the religious institutions, although they are all Muslims. They never became 100% Communists, and they remained secular and tolerant of all varieties of Islam.

And so, in Central Asia, terrorists, who seek regime change in order to establish Wahhabi-controlled states under a Caliphate, were run top-down by the Saudis, using their money, and the British-controlled terrorists. The British interest is very clear. I think, even at the time the Soviet Union collapsed, the financial system run from the City of London and elsewhere was going down the drain. The Brits realized that their financial system could not be kept alive.

In order to extend this dying financial system's life, they did a couple of things. One was to enhance the generation of money through drugs. Drugs were one of the major sources of money that was created through the Afghan War after the U.S. and NATO invaded Afghanistan; the other measure they undertook was, of course, to unleash the old colonial interest to grab resources. In Libya, for instance, if you look at the Libyan oil, the Chinese were investing quite heavily in exploiting Libyan oil, but the invasion of Libya uprooted the Chinese base from there, so, China lost about \$2-3 billion. The British and the French took over.

The ongoing Afghan War, possibly, could also end in the same way. There will be efforts to make a grab for the Central Asian oil and gas so that it cannot go northward towards Russia, but travel southward, and possibly toward Europe. This is in the plans—the southern corridor.

So there is an element of resource-grabbing, the old colonial interests that exist in all of this.

The 'Arab Spring'

Now, 9/11 [2001], basically was organized in such a way that the American geopolitical interest, after the Soviet Union collapsed, got completely enmeshed with the British colonial geopolitical interest, which was historically run in Arabia by the Saudis and a few others, the Emirates and Qatar.

This has now taken the form of what some call the "Arab Spring." This Arab Spring is basically to create total chaos in the Arab world. Such chaos has all the potential to break into a full-fledged global thermonuclear war.

One added element to that, is that Iran, the country which is on the outside of all this, is considered as enemy number one by all these forces, including the U.S., the U.K., and the House of Saud. So, this Iran element is another factor that has created the threat of a global thermonuclear war. The view of these forces is that the Soviet Union is gone, but there exists another dangerous enemy in the area, which is Iran.

Now, the House of Saud's operation, its modus operandi—and I have followed closely that process in the Indian Subcontinent, and even beyond the Subcontinent, in its neighborhood—is basically to undermine the local Muslim population. In India, and in Pakistan, even today, despite all the things you hear about Pakistan, about 60-65% of Muslims, who are Pakistani citizens, are Sunnis, but they are of a moderate variety. They are Sunnis, and they identify themselves as the Barelvis. This variety of Sunni theology was born in a place called Bareilly, which is now part of India; and I think not more than 20-25% of the Muslims in Pakistan are Sunnis of the orthodox variety. They are known as Deobandis. Their theology is pretty close to the Wahhabi variety, but not quite the same. And then, another 10 or 15% of Pakistani Muslims are Shi'as.

Now, the House of Saud's operation to control these areas is, first, the terrorists who were created in Afghanistan, were indoctrinated with the Wahhabi version of religion. So, they went about undermining the Barelvi faction within Pakistan: threatening them, killing them, and all that. It is, as Hussein Askary pointed out, not a Sunni-Shi'a issue: Sunnis are killing each other. Wahhabis kill anybody and everybody. And in fact, in one of my articles,¹ I wrote that one of the things that the Wahhabis had pointed out to the British, was their uniqueness: They kill them all; they don't discriminate. Whether one is a Jew, or a Christian, or a Shi'a, or a non-Wahhabi Sunni—whatever the person's religious affiliation may be, they kill them all! So, that is the Wahhabi version that the House of Saud stands for, and they have promoted it wherever Muslims exist, even in places like Sri Lanka, where

1. Ramtanu Maitra, "The House of Saud: British-Programmed Killer of Muslims," and "What Is Wahhabism?," *EIR*, Sept. 28, 2012.

the Muslims are a tiny minority.

Creating the Taliban: The Madrassas

And what is the most unfortunate thing in this, is that the House of Saud's version of Islam is being promoted by the people who are considered as Christians, considered as democrats, like the British, even the Americans. In recent years, I have seen in Sri Lanka—the Muslim minority there is pretty moderate in their views, but there was the “fear,” quote/unquote, of the Americans, that the Iranians would have an impact on those Muslims. So, before such a thing could happen, the Brits and Americans brought in the Wahhabis. The House of Saud is now pumping large sums of money in to create madrassas, which are schools for the young, to teach them their extreme orthodox variety of Islam. So, a number of these madrassas, as they are called, have been set up in Sri Lanka.

This was also the foundation on which extremism in Pakistan was created. These madrassas were the basic sources where, in the late 1990s, the Taliban forces in Afghanistan were born. The students in Pakistan were indoctrinated with this ideology, and then they were sent to Afghanistan, with the help of the Pakistan military at the time, to take control of Afghanistan, which had had many varieties of Sunnis and non-Sunnis. But, importantly, the Afghans are not extremists, they didn't want Afghanistan to be a religious nation! They wanted Afghanistan to be just like Afghanistan of the good old days. But these Taliban took control with the help of Saudi money. And Saudi money also went to the Pakistan military, which always needed money, and to the madrassas that they created. These three forces together created the Taliban.

The basic concept of creating these Taliban in Afghanistan was to create an outpost of the House of Saud's Wahhabi followers on the threshold of Russia, next door to Central Asia, and inside the belly of the Indian Subcontinent. The purpose was to use these Wahhabis to expand their control, and threaten Iran, which is located south and west of Afghanistan.



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A madrassa (religious school) in Pakistan. The House of Saud is pumping large sums for the creation of extreme orthodox training centers in Pakistan and Afghanistan. This is how the Taliban was created.

This is a project which is washed with blood; but at the same time, it has all the basic ingredients that can lead to a war. But, again, it is to be noted that the funding of this thing is not done entirely with Saudi oil money, but much of the money needed for this project is generated through production of opium and heroin. Money generated by huge amounts of opium and heroin then gets laundered through offshore banks. Note: 90% of these offshore banks are located in former British colonies. And all that dirty money that came out of killing youths, ends up in the City of London and the Wall Street.

So, basically, what we are saying is, that this role of the House of Saud, working hand-in-glove with the British Empire, was endorsed by the Bush-Cheney crowd, and is now being officially moved forward by the Obama Administration. That's what they're doing. They are pushing this Libya thing, and then the Syria killings. You never know how wide-ranging this conflict may turn out to be. I mean, Lebanon is on the verge of collapse at this point in time. Jordan is teetering on the brink, and so is Kuwait.

Now, of course, two of these countries are monarchies and these monarchies, of course, will collapse. One may think that's not a very bad thing to happen, but on the other hand, it will be, because the people who are removing the monarchies, are also being controlled by the House of Saud and the British Empire!

Therefore, the danger that we see threatens the world is increasing with all these terrorist-run operations.

The House of Saud: Built on Sand

Having said that, I must also point out that the House of Saud itself is also in great trouble. Great trouble in the sense that it was never very stable to begin with. Abdul Aziz's seven sons, who are known as the Sudairies, are now vanishing from the scene. The last one is Salman, who I think is the Crown Prince, and is reportedly suffering from some sort of terminal disease; and King Abdullah, who is not one of the Sudairies, but had to make peace with the Sudairies, is now 94 years old, and most of the time he spends in ICU. When he is gone, then the next generation will come in, and some of the claimants to the throne from the next generation are very, very militant. It is a certainty that they will fight among themselves for the Saudi throne.

At the same time, this will be a fight in which there will be no public support. The people in Saudi Arabia, in general, have long been deeply angered by the rule of the House of Saud, not because of what the House of Saud does outside, but what it does inside Saudi Arabia itself.

So, what we see here, is that a dangerous force like the House of Saud, with the British controlling this family, has brought about a total disaster to the entire world, and has now brought the world to the threat of another global war, but this time, it could be a thermo-nuclear war.

This is the story of the Two Kingdoms, this is what they have done. Unfortunately, the American republic has been compromised, and the Bush-Cheney, and then the Obama Administration, in particular, have completely joined hands with these two vicious kingdoms, who are involved only in bloodshed, and in creating chaos in order to loot and plunder, and keeping the world on the brink of another war.

Askary: Because of all that has been said, I think that the investigation of 9/11/2001—the first 9/11—could be the drop which could get the bucket to overflow on the British Empire and the Anglo-Saudi Empire. Because, there in the classified 28 pages of the report of the 9/11 Commission, you have the whole story of the BAE (formerly British Aerospace Systems), which is now the world's largest arms and intelligence company, which is the real core, besides the financial City of London, of the British Empire and the Anglo-Saudi Empire.

And therefore, both the Bush Administration and the Obama Administration were so desperate to hide

the truth about the BAE/Prince Bandar bin Sultan involvement in the first 9/11 events. And that's why we hope that people in the United States will pull the carpet out from under the feet of these imperialists. And whether by getting rid of Obama, or whoever comes after Obama, the truth about 9/11 should come out; but not in the sense of who did what immediately there, but the whole story. Because that can then bring to the fore this whole historical background we have discussed, and show what the forces are which humanity has to get rid of, to have a better future.

And of course, then, the other step is to get a new economic world order, a new financial and banking system, getting the Glass-Steagall banking act into place, getting credit to infrastructure, economic development nationally and internationally. And people in Asia, in Russia, China, and Africa, are all ready to go ahead with a global Marshall Plan, or New Deal. And that will help us get rid of this religious fanaticism.

Against the Islamic Renaissance

Now, just to briefly demystify what this Wahhabi cult is, what the teachings are: It's not a new phenomenon. It was a reaction to the Islamic Renaissance of the Eighth and Ninth Centuries, which was a real Renaissance movement, which had established a fantastic economic, cultural, scientific basis for civilization in Baghdad, and also in Spain.

And the attack came from within the Islamic world, but was also part of a political conflict in the 10th and 11th Centuries, when the Seljuk Turks, who were military officers, were incorporated into the Islamic armies. In order to take over, they had to destroy this idea of the Renaissance, which is based on two very important aspects of the Islamic religion, and all other religions. The whole conflict was about, first, the free will of the individual; and second, creativity. Does the human being have free will in doing what we need to do, and to be creative? And, what is said in Islam? That we should help build the world, the Earth, make the Earth flourish. Do we have free will? Or is everything decided by the will of God, which is that everything is predestined?

And does the creative human being have any connection to the Creator? Or is the individual human being totally separated from God the Creator?

Now, in the Islamic Renaissance, these ideas were being explored. People like al-Farabi, ibn Sina, and al-Razi, were arguing, in the sense that human beings *do* have free will to do the Good, and they are creative, and



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The creation of the Wahhabi cult was a reaction to the Islam Renaissance. The magnificent Mosque of Cordoba, in Andalusia, Spain (left) was begun in 784 B.C. On the right is the Alhambra Palace in Granada, Spain.



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they participate in the creativity of our Creator, by their acts of creativity and free will, by building the world, and getting scientific knowledge, and ennobling the human soul through culture, music, poetry, art, and so on and so forth—architecture. That was the basis of the Islamic Renaissance.

But then you had this reaction: It started with al-Ash'ari and al-Ghazali (see box), who negated all the principles of free will and creativity, and the connection to the Creator. And then you had ibn Taymiyah, coming after the Mongols destroyed Baghdad; and then the Crusades, which were a Venetian operation. And then ibn Taymiyyah, who is the source of the Wahhabi doctrine, abolished all previous Islamic doctrines, including the four main Sunni sects, the Maliki, Hanafi,

Shafi'i, and Hanbali. Most Sunnis in the world follow one of these four; and then you have the Shi'a, who have lived actually in coexistence with the Sunnis. But the Wahhabis abolished all these previous ones, and they say, we will have a pure theology, which is based solely on the words in the Quran, and imitating some of people they select, who were around the Prophet Mohammed (God's blessings be upon him).

They are very, very selective in choosing the Prophet's tradition and the word of the Quran, which they interpret literally; there is no room for interpretation. And that way the Wahhabis became a tool to declare everyone who is not following their military force, or political force, a heretic.

Maitra: This is shutting down the *ijtihad*.

Askary: Exactly. You can have a free way of interpreting the word of the Quran or the tradition of the Prophet, and in that way religion becomes an evolving, developing way of thinking, rather than a rigid, fixed set of rules which cannot change, which is the core of the Wahhabi sect. Therefore, they come into conflict with everyone, everyone around them!

But the trick is, that the Wahhabis of the al-

Saud family today, are not religious! They even ended up killing some of the Wahhabis, in 1930, because the Wahhabi religious administrators were not happy with al-Saud [being so close to the British]. . .

Maitra: They are as religious as the House of Windsor is Christian.

Askary: Yes, exactly! But their power lies in their connection to the British Empire, and the enormous financial and military resources they can have, and also intelligence operations. So, that's where the danger is.

But as I said, from inside the United States, if we can get the truth about 9/11 and the coverup, then you can start exploring this whole story backward, into that the reality that the ones who attacked the United States republic were the British Empire and their Saudi pup-

pets. And that will set the world stage for abolishing empire, and re-establishing a community of sovereign nation-states working together to develop societies, the human individual, and the whole planet, and beyond

the planet.

Maitra: It will also, again, give a potential for starting a new Islamic Renaissance.

Askary: Exactly.

Wahhabism and Ash'arism

The highest Wahhabi religious personality in Saudi Arabia, the Mufti and Chairman of the Supreme Council of Ulama (clergy), Abdul-Aziz bin Abdullah Al-Asheikh, on March 12, described the acts of fund-raising and supporting the rebel Syrian Free Army as *jihad* under Islamic law, because, according to him, the Syrian regime is *kafir* (blasphemous or apostate). However, when it came to peaceful protests in Saudi Arabia by those demanding economic and political justice, these he declared to be evil.

This is a typical example of the selectiveness of the Wahhabi clergy, which always takes the side of the House of Saud. A former Mufti, Abdul Aziz bin Baz, was asked about Muslims wearing crosses and other ornaments; he declared it a sin. However, when he was asked about King Fahd wearing the Iron Cross of the British Empire, awarded to him by Queen Elizabeth II, making him an honorary British Knight in 1987, bin Baz replied that "if the Wali al-Amr (the ruler of Muslims) considers that wearing the cross has a benefit to the Muslim nation, then that cannot be considered an offense"!

This idea that the "ruler of the Muslim nation" cannot be faulted was an artificial creation of theologians who were used by Umayyad kings at the beginning of the Eighth Century to get immunity for oppressing the people and killing other Muslim opponents, to acquire and preserve power. They manipulated the following verses from the Quran as a blank check for their rule: "O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you" (Surah Al-Nisaa, verse 59).

One of the most vocal such theologians was **Abu Al-Hasan Al-Ash'ari** (875-935), the spearhead against the Islamic Renaissance. His concept was that Allah is the Creator of everything in existence, and so both evil and good acts of human beings are predestined by God's will. Therefore, the evil com-

mitted by the ruler is not his own creation, but that of God, and if people tried to change that evil, they would be committing a sin against God's will!

Al-Ash'ari, who started as student of the Mu'tazilites, turned against them in 912, and published his book *Clarification of the Bases of Religion*, in which he argued for absolutely literal interpretation of the Quran, in a clear attack on the Mu'tazilites, who were calling for a rational method of interpretation, because the divine injunctions of the Creator are accessible to human reason, and that reason must be the ultimate criterion for judging good and evil. The Mu'tazilites had become a strong philosophical and scientific school in the early Renaissance age in Basrah and Baghdad in the Eighth Century.

Al-Ash'ari attacked, for example, their view that God's references to his "seeing, hearing, having hands, 'sitting on the throne,' etc." were metaphors. He claimed that God does indeed have such physical attributes, because that is what is stated in the Quran.

As part of the Seljuk power grab in Baghdad, **Nizam-ul Mulk Al-Tusi** (1018-92), the Seljuk vizir (minister) under Sultan Alp Arslan, raised the Ash'arites to prominence in Baghdad to take over the Shafi'i Sunni sect, while undermining the other Sunni sects, creating sectarian strife in Baghdad. He established the Nizamiya school of theology, the institution from which a later theologian emerged, **Abu Hamid Al-Ghazali** (1111-58), who launched the final and most fatal attack on the science and philosophy of the Islamic Renaissance. His most famous book, *The Destruction of Philosophers*, is entirely oriented to destroying the philosophical thoughts of Ibn Sina (980-1037), the greatest of Muslim scientists and philosophers of the Islamic Renaissance, and his predecessor Al-Farabi. Al-Ghazali's inquisition became a tool of destruction of rational thinking, pushing society into mystical fundamentalism. The socially and economically weakened and divided Islamic state became an easy prey for the Venetian-run Crusades, and later, the Mongol invasion.

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