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**A MAJOR WORK THAT SHEDS NEW
LIGHT ON MILITANT ISLAM AND ITS
THREAT TO THE UNITED STATES.**

"Unnoticed by most Westerners," Daniel Pipes wrote in 1995, referring to militant Islam, "war has been unilaterally declared on Europe and the United States." Pipes, director of the Philadelphia-based Middle East Forum, was one of very few Americans to understand the significance of what to many appeared to be no more than isolated cases of violence. Long before September 11, 2001, he publicly warned Americans that militant Islam had gone to war against America. Now Americans are listening to him.

Pipes presents here the results of his research, dividing his work into two key subjects. First, he explains what militant Islam is and stresses the large and crucial difference between Islam, the faith, and militant Islam, the ideology. He demonstrates that it is not a clash of civilizations under way, but a battle for the soul of Islam among Muslims themselves. He shows that militant Islam is not caused mainly by poverty and that its adherents, far from being the dispossessed, tend to include the more talented and Westernized elements. Militant Islam strikingly has much in common with fascism and communism. Pipes also demonstrates how, at variance with our traditional separation of church and state, high officials of both the Democratic and Republican parties have had the effect of endorsing Islam.

Secondly, Pipes takes up the relatively new subject of Islam in the United States, and how it has rapidly developed in the last decade. Significant elements within American Islam, for example, seek to replace the Constitution with the Qur'an. Americans can write far more candidly now about Jesus than about Muhammad, as various writers and journalists have learned to their surprise. Despite widespread claims

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Just six days after September 11, 2001, President George W. Bush took time to visit the Islamic Center in Washington, D.C., where he met with American Muslim leaders, who, ironically, had apologized in the past for militant Islam. (ERIC DRAPER)

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