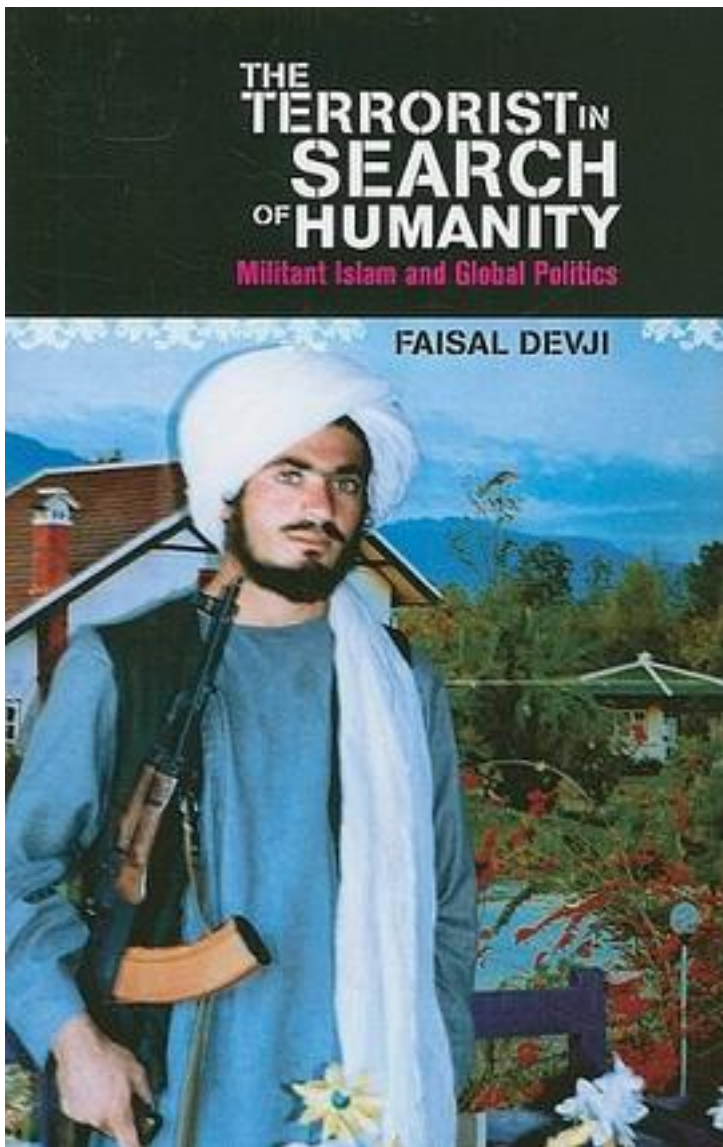


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Faisal Devji argues that new forms of militancy, such as the actions of al-Qaeda, are informed by the same desire for agency and equality that animates other humanitarian interventions, such as environmentalism and pacifism. To the militant, victimized Muslims are more than just symbols of ethnic and religious persecution—they represent humanity's centuries-long struggle for legitimacy and agency. Acts of terror, therefore, are fueled by the militant's desire to become a historical actor on the global stage. Though they have yet to build concrete political institutions, militant movements have formed a kind of global society, and as Devji makes clear, this society pursues the same humanitarian objectives that drive more benevolent groups.

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The theme of the book is exactly what ISIS now claims to achieve: to re-establish the Islamic caliphate capsized since the deformation of the Ottoman Empire. The author suggests that Islamic militants are performing "humaniterrorism" with the belief that their terrorist means are justified by the aim.

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