

## Imam Hassan al-Banna

### Reviving Supremacist Empire



Islam “regulates every aspect of life”

- Al-Banna described the Brotherhood as: “a Salafiyya message, a Sunni way, a Sufi truth, a political organization, an athletic group, a cultural-educational union, an economic company, and a social idea.” <sup>1</sup>

- He was opposed to the secular “Western invasion which was armed and equipped with all [the] destructive influences of money, wealth, prestige, ostentation, power and means of propaganda.” <sup>2</sup>

“We summon you to Islam, the teachings of Islam, the laws of Islam and the guidance of Islam, and if this smacks of ‘politics’ in your eyes, then it is our policy. And if the one summoning you to these principles is a ‘politician,’ then we are the most respectable of men, God be praised, in politics . . . We believe that Islam is an all-embracing concept which regulates every aspect of life, adjudicating on every one of its concerns...” <sup>3</sup>

“Islam is faith and worship, a country and a citizenship, a religion and a state... a Qur’an and a sword.” <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Brynjar Lia, *The Society of the Muslim Brothers in Egypt*, Ithaca Press, 1998.

<sup>2</sup> Brynjar Lia, *The Society of the Muslim Brothers in Egypt*, Ithaca Press, 1998. P. 28.

<sup>3</sup> Brynjar Lia, *The Society of the Muslim Brothers in Egypt*, Ithaca Press, 1998, pp. 68-9, 75-6.

<sup>4</sup> Shaker El-sayed, “Hassan al-Banna: The Leader and the Movement,” Muslim American Society

“Andalusia, Sicily, the Balkans, the Italian coast, as well as the islands of the Mediterranean, are all of them Muslim Mediterranean colonies and they must return to the Islamic fold.”<sup>5</sup>

“It is a duty incumbent on every Muslim to struggle towards the aim of making every people Muslim and the whole world Islamic, so that the banner of Islam can flutter over the earth and the call of the Muezzin can resound in all the corners of the world: God is greatest [Allahu akbar]! This is not parochialism, nor is it racial arrogance or usurpation of land.”<sup>6</sup>

“It is the nature of Islam to dominate, not to be dominated, to impose its law on all nations and to extend its power to the entire planet.”<sup>7</sup>

“Islam is concerned with the question of jihad... and the mobilization of the entire Umma into one body... The verses of the Quran and the Sunnah of Mohammed . . . are overflowing with all these noble ideals and they summon people in general (with the most eloquent expression and the clearest exposition) to jihad, to warfare, to the armed forces, and all means of land and sea fighting. Such was the example set by the early generations of Muslims. My brothers, how do we compare with them?”<sup>8</sup>

• In 1935 he began a political-military alliance with the Nazi Mufti of Jerusalem al-Husseini, his [disciple](#). Al-Banna received money from Nazi agents to establish his terror network.<sup>9</sup> Hitler translated into Arabic *Mein Kampf* (“*My Struggle*” or “*My Jihad*”) in the 1930’s.<sup>10</sup> Al-Banna said he learned a great deal from the Nazis about the effectiveness of propaganda in spreading hatred of Jews.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Caroline Fourest, *Brother Tariq: The Doublespeak of Tariq Ramadan* (Encounter Books, 2008), pg 19. ([Investigative Project](#))

<sup>6</sup> Brynjar Lia, *The Society of the Muslim Brothers in Egypt*, Ithaca Press, 1998, p. 79.

<sup>7</sup> [Investigative Project](#), Steve Emerson.

<sup>8</sup> [The History and Unwritten Future of Salafism](#), Hillel Fradkin

<sup>9</sup> David M. Rosen, *Armies of the Young: Child Soldiers in War and Terrorism* (Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2005), pp. 104-108; Pargeter, *Muslim Brotherhood*, pp. 27-29; Mallmann, Cuppers, and Smith, *Nazi Palestine*, p. 33; Soage and Franganillo, “The Muslim Brothers in Egypt,” in *The Muslim Brotherhood: The Organization and Policies*, pp. 40-41; Kuntzel, *Jihad and Jew Hatred*, quoted in Jeffrey Goldberg, “Seeds of Hate,” *New York Times Book Review*, January 6, 2008, all from [Simon Wiesenthal Center: Dr. H. Brackman “Hitler Put Them in Their Place”](#): *Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood’s Jihad Against Jews, Judaism, and Israel* (2011)

<sup>10</sup> [Nazi Roots of Palestinian Nationalism and Islamic Jihad](#) (2007)

<sup>11</sup> Hassan al-Banna, *Five Tracts of Hassan al-Banna: A Selection from the Majmuat Rasail al-Imam al-Shahid Hassan al-Banna*, trans. Charles Wendell (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1978), pp. 45-6. ([David Patterson How Anti-Semitism Prevents Peace MEQ Summer 2011](#))

- In 1948 he said:

“If the Jewish state becomes a fact (the Arabs) will drive the Jews who live in their midst into the sea... Even if we are beaten now in Palestine, we will never submit. We will never accept the Jewish state...”<sup>12</sup>

- The Brotherhood had:

“... a double identity. On one level, they operated openly, as a membership organization of social and political awakening. Banna preached moral revival, and the Muslim Brethren engaged in good works. On another level, however, they created a ‘secret apparatus’ that acquired weapons and training. They assassinated judges and struck down a prime minister in 1949. Banna himself was assassinated two months later, probably in revenge.”<sup>13</sup>

- In his booklet, “*Jihad*” (late 1930’s), and in others, al-Banna defines jihad as violent warfare against non - Muslims to establish Islam across the entire world, and comments on Koran [9:29](#), [9:5](#), [2:26](#), [3:156-158](#), [3:169-170](#), [4:74](#), [8:60](#), [8:65](#), [9:14-15](#), [9:41](#), [9:81-83](#), [9:88-89](#), [9:111](#), [47:20-21](#), [61:4](#), [48:18-19](#), [41:53](#), [8:61](#), [2:190](#), [5:8](#), [3:154](#). Then after quoting hadith he says:

“There are many precious Ahadeeth regarding jihad. They are so numerous though that even a large book would not suffice to cover them.”

“Jihad is an obligation from Allah on every Muslim and cannot be ignored nor evaded.”

““Degradation and dishonor are the results of the love of this world. Therefore, prepare for jihad and be the lovers of death...”

- [Scan](#) the booklet for 5 seconds to get an idea how many core text quotes he uses, they are color coded to stand out.

- On ‘lesser/greater’ jihad:

"Many Muslims today mistakenly believe that fighting the enemy is jihad asghar (a lesser jihad) and that fighting one's ego is jihad akbar (a greater jihad). The following narration is quoted as proof: "We have returned from the lesser jihad to embark on the greater jihad." They said: "What is the greater jihad?" He [Mohammad] said: "The jihad of the heart, or the jihad against one's ego."

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<sup>12</sup> NY Times, August 2, 1948

<sup>13</sup> [Martin Kramer Middle East Quarterly 6/96](#) *Fundamentalist Islam at Large: The Drive for Power*

"This narration is used by some to lessen the importance of fighting, to discourage any preparation for combat, and to deter any offering of jihad in Allah's way. This narration is not a saheeh (sound) tradition.

Nevertheless, even if it were a sound tradition, it would never warrant abandoning jihad or preparing for it in order to rescue the territories of the Muslims and repel the attacks of the disbelievers. Let it be known that this narration simply emphasizes the importance of struggling against one's ego so that Allah will be the sole purpose of every one of our actions." ([Jihad](#))