

Why he left Islam - The Apostate Prophet | Israel-Hamas War

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Introduction

I am an islamophobe I don't hate Muslims but I do really dislike Islam I hate Islam I could say and I encourage Muslims to leave Islam this is a visr 24 series about the Israel Hamas War my name is Stephan Thompson I'm here in Jerusalem in the Arab quarter of Jerusalem with an interview I'm going to be interviewing red van idir the apostate Prophet an ex-muslim with with a following of half a million people on YouTube Red van thank you for being here with us thank you so much it's a great pleasure my

Leaving Islam

Stephan: first question is how did you become the apostate Prophet what led you to to do what you do?

Prophet: well um so I I grew up in a very religious Muslim family um over time I had my doubts uh after a very long time of questioning I left the faith and I started exploring all of the things that I was indoctrinated with changed my opinion over the years became quite angry with the way uh Islamic culture handles certain issues in the world and uh at some point I decided that there are not enough people who speak up or not enough people who have the knowledge or not enough people who say very openly some of the things that need to be said about Islam about the Islamic influence in the world Muslim culture and so on so I decided to create this character apostate Prophet uh and to simply speak out and you can tell from the name that it's quite offensive and controversial but I did it deliberately just to attract uh enough attention and point out controversial things that need to be said

Wanting a global Caliphate

Stephan: when you were a Muslim were you did you hold radical views did you hold fundamentalist views?

Prophet: I did - I did I

Stephan: what what what what are some of them?

Prophet: I did believe that uh that in an Ideal World a caliphate should be established and all lands should be turned into Islamic land and that there is no legitimate rule in the world except uh the rule under Islam you know Allah is the only legislature uh I did believe that uh I learned very early when I was in first grade that there will be soon a future where we will fight and kill the Jews and even rocks and trees will hide behind uh will say there is a Jew behind me come and kill him this is what I learned as a child.

Islamist views among migrants

Stephan: and you grew up in Germany?

Prophet: yes in Germany

Stephan: well so these were when you were learning the faith you learned it from your parents and you went to an Islamic school how did how is it possible that you hold you held such radical views growing up in a western country that's how typical do you think this is of Muslim migrants or or second and third generation Muslim uh Muslims in in the west how how often do you think they hold views that are as radical as that?

Prophet: well one good thing about me is that uh I didn't take these things very seriously when I was still in in Germany when I was younger I started taking them much more seriously when I uh got older and started Living in Turkey um but I would say such views are extremely common extremely popular uh they're not at all rare they're I would say the majority holds such views uh and those who don't openly speak about these views just uh you know hold them privately and don't share with them publicly because of politics and public sensitivities and all of that

Why Muslims are against Israel

Stephan: we've seen massive Pro Palestine protests across the West huge 300,000 people marched in London um what we're not seeing is we're not seeing Muslim leaders speak out against Hamas speak out against October 7th why do you think that is why why do you think that so few people because surely the majority of Muslims are peaceful people they don't they just want to they want to live they want to prosper they want to have a family they want to have a good life right surely?

Prophet: surely uh most of them are peaceful in the sense that they personally do not engage in violent acts you know uh or that they personally do not engage in terrorist attacks and all of that but uh one thing that needs to be understood with Muslim culture is that with Muslims it is not just a religion it's not just okay I believe in this or tomorrow I don't believe in this but hey we are still good uh with Muslim culture the problem is that uh Muslims see themselves as one entity as one nation.

Stephan: Tthe umah?

Prophet: yeah the um and you are supposed to have complete loyalty to that nation which is why if you leave Islam like me you become a traitor you don't just become a uh a former believer you become a traitor and as a traitor you are supposed to be killed executed and when it comes to a conflict like between Hamas and others uh even those who don't necessarily agree with uh the strategies and the tactics of Hamas will not speak against Hamas because to them this is a fight between their Muslim brothers and those who are their enemies

Reactions to blasphemy

Stephan: you left Islam you made it very public your name is literally that the apostate Prophet there's it's almost it is blasphemy towards towards the Muslim faith what have the reactions been that you've received could you give me some of the examples of the the negative ones and if you could some of the examples of the positive ones?

Prophet: It's mostly negative I would say over 90% is negative and it's mostly just uh insults and and death threats just earlier I was reading some that said that said things like I hope you get gutted like a fish uh things like these uh I I got used to it over the years it's just yeah here I am walking you know um but there are some positive ones in fact I received one quite recently that said uh that said I'm a Muslim and I love what Israel is doing and I support them so there there is some you know there there are some good developments that can be seen it's it's not like it's not like Muslims are all monsters you know there is a diversity in opinion and if you allow the diversity to be there you can see positive signs

Can Islam be reformed?

Stephan: how do you think we can what do you think is the future of the Arab world how can the Arab world move away from these if you look at pure Research Center data you see very radical opinions held by substantial percentages of societies how do you think that can be changed aside from is there a version of Islam you think that can be actually soft and and tolerant and compatible with the West uh or not?

Prophet: Now a lot of people uh want to be more optimistic I am not very optimistic when it comes to that I would say that uh in the mainstream majority belief and way of uh practicing Islam it is simply a problematic religion that cannot be fixed because it is uh the only religion that has a book that is supposed to be the verbatim the revelation of Allah that cannot be changed is a to recommend to everyone it includes very bad things and the hadiths which are attributed to Muhammad uh things that he has said um are extremely violent and hateful like the one that I just mentioned about you know fighting the Jews in the end times and all of that of course in the end despite their indoctrination Muslims are humans too if you introduce them to differences uh there is chance for change I just recently talked about something today uh with somebody else which is you mentioned the pupils if you ask the people in the West Bank or in the Palestinian territories what they think about Jews 99% say they dislike Jews if you ask the Arab Muslims in Israel about them over 50% say they like Jews see there is there is a very very small distance between these two groups and both of them are Arab Muslims but you can see that uh that those who actually live here and get to know these people can radically change their opinion and that's the beginning you know and I don't know how that how that uh will work in a greater scheme but it is possible

Atheism

Stephan: Your journey away from Faith led you to atheism can you tell me more about that?

Prophet: oh yeah I um well I was very religious uh and very deeply held on to my beliefs but I had um I questioned a lot of the things that were in the Quran in myt scripture especially about the the science and the world um what the first step was to let go of my Islamic belief um I was then not sure about the existence of God and questioning further it uh my journey taught me to a stance where I thought I personally cannot believe that these other religions that I am looking into still by the way uh are true and uh that's just where I am right now.

Being a Westerner

Stephan: you you grew up in Germany you then grew up in Turkey you're of Turkish origin your name obviously is is uh red vanare do you do you consider yourself a Westerner?

Prophet: I do I do because um so I was born in Germany and lived there for 16 years and uh when I moved to turkey with my parents I had great difficulties adjusting and

Stephan: Despite having that faith cuz obviously turkey has an interesting past there's a liberalization that happens and then there is a a radicalization that we're seeing right now and almost slow motion Islamic Republic style takeover without that brutal overthrow of the Sha but Erdogan is doing very interesting interesting things in terms of interesting in the not necessarily positive way sense of the word?

Prophet: Well um I I was often in in an identity crisis after I moved to uh turkey and uh I must say like I fell into the cognitive dissonance with these ideas that I have about the world but also the way I learned to live in Germany and the for example one of the issues was how women are treated in Germany it is extremely normal to just you know uh mix and have you know all kinds of friendships like Germany is in terms of uh gender relationships I would say significantly more liberal than America for example where I live uh and going from that environment to Turkey left me with okay uh I really like the way things were and it makes a lot of sense but here are also my beliefs and being caught in between that at some point I chose uh to believe that the way I learned things in Germany is wrong and I should become hardcore Islamic and I went that path but it just didn't make sense over time I I think there was always something with within me that was significantly more Western than Islamic or Eastern and the same can be said about uh questioning things versus just believing anything and all that I I say I have Great Western influence and that is probably the reason why I am where I am now.

From antisemite to Jewish ally

Stephan: you you grew up with these radical Muslim views you grew up with anti-semitic views here we are in Jerusalem we've just been to the Western Wall we've walked through the Arab quarter we're walking towards the holy Seer what brought you here to Israel?

Prophet: On October 7 a lot of things changed prior to the this uh I was I had pro-israel views and um I I talked about this whole conflict sometimes but uh on October 7th when the brutal attack happened by Hamas um it it changed me as it changed so many other people and I started I thought this is the ultimate battle in terms of what I have been talking about for years but on top of that when after the attack people in the west and around the world world started uh defending or justifying the actions of Hamas and vilifying the Jewish people and depicting Israel as This Racist apartheid state where people are oppressed it I would say it made me really angry and I passionately continued uh arguing presenting research connecting with more and more people eventually I wanted to come here and see the the sides of the attacks and interact with people and I must say after coming here and seeing everything I am only much more more

pro-israel and much more Zionist proudly so I I love what I see here I love what uh the people of Israel built and yeah that's what I am.

Islamophobia

Stephan: a common accusation against you is one of islamophobia.

Prophet: I am an Islamophobe.

Stephan: so um what what do you mean by that?

Prophet: Well the thing is it is a term that is being uh that is taken and played with in such a mischievous way where um islamophobia what does it really mean is it is it a uh you know hate or Prejudice toward toward Islam or is it Muslims or you can people lump all of these things together I don't have anything specifically against Muslims I don't hate Muslims obviously if when I'm when I'm confronted with terrible views that they hold and their attitude toward me I express my anger but I I do really dislike Islam I hate Islam I could say and I think it has a it has had a a a a terrible impact on humanity and I would say there is no solution with Islam in the world and I encourage Muslims to leave Islam so in that sense I love Muslims and I want for them to leave Islam which I think is uh is a burden and a Scourge upon everyone in that sense I am - I am an islamophobe and I'm not against Muslims.

Stephan: r von thank you so much I really appreciate your time I appreciate having met you I appreciate our conversations thank so much thank you so much

Prophet: I really appreciate this and you are doing great work I'm happy to be here thank you.