An Afterword for The Cunning of History

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Introductory note: In 1975, Harper & Row published the first edition of my book, <a href="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hFatwaID="http://www.islamonline.net/fatwa/arabic/FatwaDisplay.asp?hfatwaDisplay.asp?hfatwaDisplay.asp?hfatwaDisplay.asp?hfatwaDisplay.asp?hfatwaDisplay.asp?hfatwaDisplay.asp?hfatwaDisplay.asp?hfatwaDisplay.asp?hfatwaDisplay.asp?hfatwaDisplay.asp?hfatwaDisplay.asp?hfatwaDisplay.asp?hfat

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[65] Kepel, Muslim Extremism in Egypt, p. 13.

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[67] See David Remnick, "Letter from Cairo: Going Nowhere: The Problem with Democracy in Egypt," The New Yorker, July 12 & 19, 2004.

[68] "The New French Revolution," a report by Christiane Ananpour on the CBS News Program "60 Minutes," May 16, 2004 http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/05/13/60minutes/main617270.shtml .

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[79] MEMRI, Special Dispatch Series No. 289, "Egyptian Government Daily on Muslims' Love of Death and Their Enemies' Love of Life, translation of Abdallah Al-Naggar in *Al-Gumhuria*, Egyptian government daily, October 7, 2001. The column was written less than a month after 9/11.

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