

# Phoenician Karl Sharro Explains Yemen

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That big mess – *quer pasticccaccio bruto* – in Yemen, explained by the Phoenician Karl Sharro, who left his native Lebanon long ago for London where, in his far-from-the-madding-Muslim-crowd refuge, he can make sense of the confusion in Muslim lands by offering confusion worse and funnily confounded. And it's all true.

I don't know who is running *The Atlantic* now, but this article, following that by Graeme Wood on ISIS that came out recently and, to go back more than a decade, a brilliant summary by Toby Lester on Christoph Luxenberg, John Wansborough, and the revolution in the Western study of the origins of the Qur'an, have made it a magazine whose editors and writers, on Islam, are prepared better than those at any other American magazine of similar scope.