

The Sunni-Shia Divide and Islam's Puzzling Origins

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In my *Impact of Islam* (2014) and *Guide to the Phantom Dark Age* (2014) I argued in some detail that Muhammad was a fictitious character conjured to life by the Umayyad Caliphs in the late seventh century in order to justify and legitimize the Arab usurpation of the Persian Sassanid Empire. [more>>>](#)