

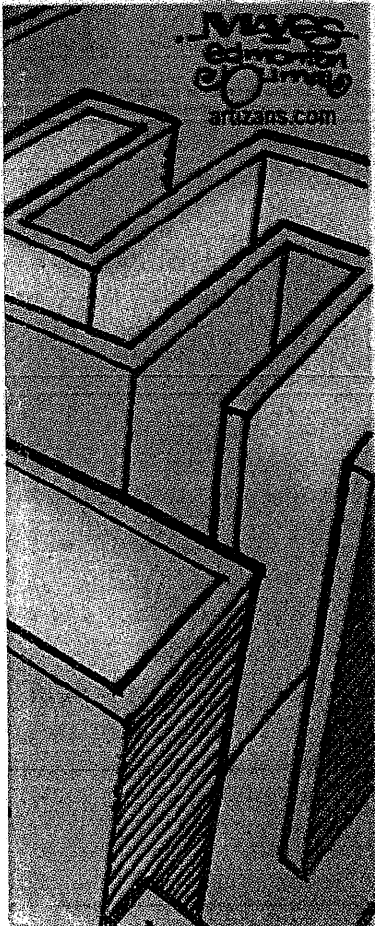
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Step forward, moderate Muslims

How does Islamic State justify its atrocities in the name of Islam? A world-renowned scholar of Islam discusses the actions that have shocked people worldwide (Feb. 14)

While I would agree most Muslims do not support militant Islam, a recent poll indicated 22 per cent did and that amounts to over 300 million people who are ready to support the goals of radical Islam. These goals include a religious war against the West, death to blasphemers and infidels and the destruction of the state of Israel.

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While the views of Muslim extremist groups do not represent the views of all Muslims, they can point to Islamic scripture as the basis for their beliefs. They are doing nothing that is not prescribed for non-believers in the Qur'an and that Mohammed did not do during his lifetime.

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It is time the world realized we are at war with militant Islam. We are engaged in a global war against terrorism and terrorism is being carried out by radical Islam. Millions of Muslims have marched in Muslim countries in support of militant Islam, against the cartoons of Mohammed and in calls for death to America. I have not seen significant numbers of Muslims marching against radical Islam and in support of Western democracies. If moderate Muslims don't speak out and demonstrate their opposition to radical Islam, how do I know they oppose it? I expect Muslim clerics to preach tolerance and respect of other religions in their mosques and schools. We all need assurance that moderate Muslims exist and support us in the war against their radical cousins.

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I'm doomed to host a 'super mailbox'

Mailboxes: time to move on (Letters, Feb. 7)