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### **ABSTRACT**

In this multimedia presentation, I combine images and text to argue that organized violence in the global system depends on shared gender cultures, networks, and transactions: Wars are violent confrontations AND collaborations among men and manhoods. Contemporary conflicts are very often depicted as "clashes of civilizations," but in many important respects they are collaborations of masculine cultures and systems of honor. Although organized violence involves men on opposing sides of ethnic or class or national boundaries, ironically, such violence depends on cooperation both among allies and among enemies. Men join forces with comrades as bands of brothers, as men in arms, as buddies bound together fighting the good fight. Men also rely on enemy men to serve as credible and admirable adversaries. Men reach across battle lines to hold both allies and antagonists in combat theatres; they are teammates in the martial arts, costars in honor, and vocabularies of dominations and resistance constitute a gendered cultural [battle] field upon which conflicts are fought. Femininities and women occupy a problematic and contradictory place in confrontations between masculinities. Like men, women are collaborators in war. They are often enlisted in men's conflicts either as potential victims to be defended or as enemy property militarized masculine performances. "Womenandchildren" are one answer to the question, "why we fight?" In this presentation I present quotes from religious and political extremists Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, and Osama bin Laden and images from Western popular culture, military history, and recent U.S. wars to illustrate the role of gender confrontations and collaborations in armed conflicts.

### **View PowerPoint Presentation (PDF)**



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**MASCULINITIES,  
FEMININITIES,  
AND  
FUNDAMENTALISMS**

*by*

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AND  
FUNDAMENTALISMS:**

**Gender Confrontations &  
Collaborations in Global  
Conflicts**

CARRYON

.....IN THE HOLD



Everyone cheered like mad

when women's veils

became like old hat.

Emancipated, we all went  
home,

carrying the burden of  
fashion.

The inner stuff

facades are made of thrives

poor nuns in their heavy habits,

poor us in ours



*Who said it?.....*

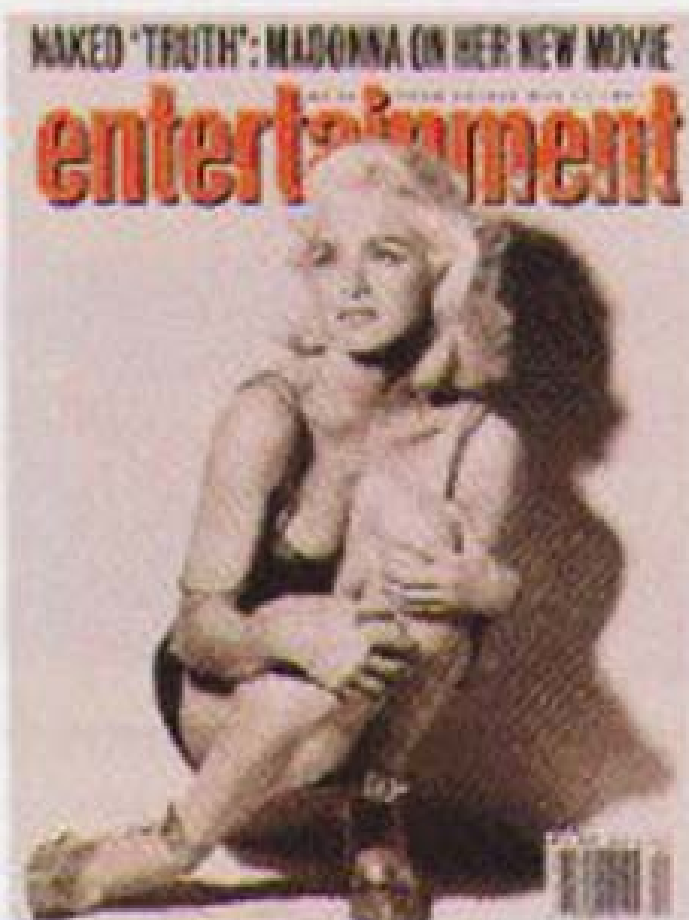
America is polluting the  
whole world.

- a. Jerry Falwell
- b. Osama bin Laden
- c. Pat Robertson

# HISTORY







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**MADONNAS  
IVITA**

**SEAL** 감악신 리포트

90년대의 향수병과  
디자이너들

50 플러스  
화려 질러도 뉴욕 강대성  
패션 레어 베이커엄 황 비유

## ROMANTICISM

보그를 빛낸  
슈퍼모델들,  
그 포즈와 장채

패션의 새로운 흐름  
**LONDON  
LOOK &  
DESIGNERS**



A close-up portrait of Madonna on the cover of the November 1997 issue of Vogue magazine. She is wearing a red headscarf with a large bow and a dark, sequined dress. The magazine title 'VOGUE' is partially visible at the top, with 'ESPAÑA' in the 'O'.

ESPAÑA

100 pags.  
noviembre  
1997

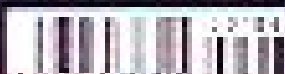
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belleza  
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guapas hasta  
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de punta en blanco  
...y de tiros largos

especial  
horóscopo  
El '97  
signo  
a signo

exclusiva  
madonna  
como evita  
su estilo, su trabajo,  
su vida



# Sports Illustrated

A woman with long, wavy brown hair is kneeling on a patterned orange and black towel in a desert landscape. She is wearing a bright orange bikini. The background shows rocky terrain under a clear sky.

**GODDESSES**  
*of the  
Mediterranean*

**ELSA BENITEZ**  
*Heats up Tunisia*

WINTER 2001  
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*Who said it?.....*

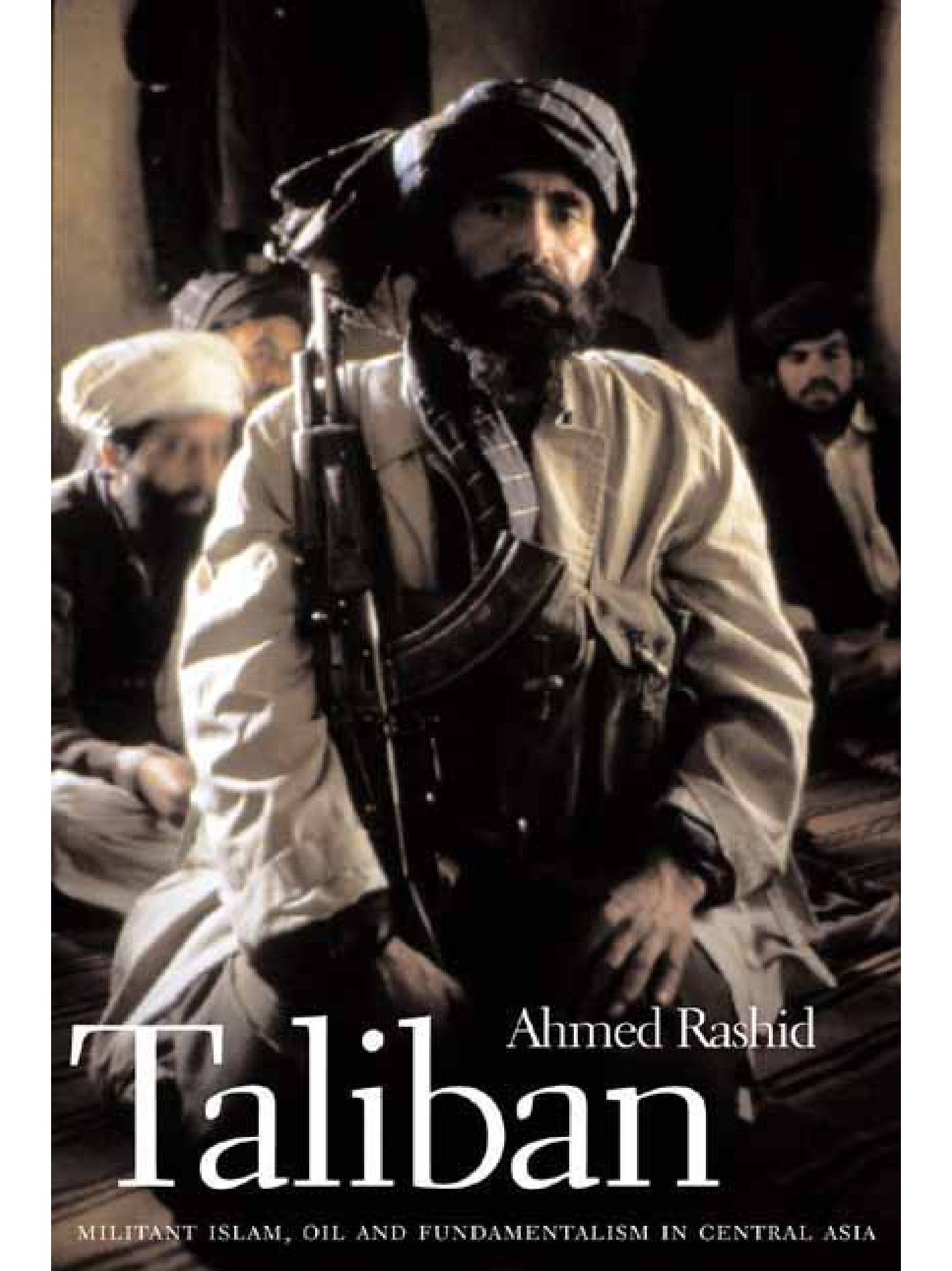
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whole world.

*Correct answer:*

**Pat Robertson**

God in his great mercy has blessed America, and made this a haven for Christians and Jews alike. But we've gone away from our Christian heritage. And God has little obligation at the present time to spare America [is], because we are polluting the world with our television programs, our movies and so forth, our books. We are polluting the whole world. We've made the world drunk, if you will, with the wine of our fornication. The whole world has been affected by Hollywood. The 700 Club, December 7, 1995





Ahmed Rashid

# Taliban

MILITANT ISLAM, OIL AND FUNDAMENTALISM IN CENTRAL ASIA







*Who said it?.....*

The media strives to keep the people occupied with minor matters, and to stir their emotions and desires until corruption becomes widespread among believers.

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# STALLONE



# RAMBO

FIRST BLOOD PART II













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**Osama bin Laden**

It is not a concealed fact that the police states in the Arab world rely on some foundations in order to protect themselves. Among these organizations is the security organization as they spend generously on it, and its foremost mission is to spy on its own people in order to protect the person of the ruler....The media sector is in the same category as it strives to beatify the persons of the leaders, to drowse the community, and to fulfill the plans of the enemies through keeping the people occupied with the minor matters, and to stir their emotions and desires until corruption becomes widespread among believers. November 1996 interview, Nida'ul Islam

Trading the baseball cap for something new, I embraced  
*The Veil*



The style of the women's veils changed as we entered each new region.

Along the **Arabian sea** [see bottom left] women chose bright almost transparent lengths of cloth.

In the cool heights of **Jabal Sabre** [see top right] women wear veils, of heavier cloth, that also acts more of a wrap in the cool mountain air.

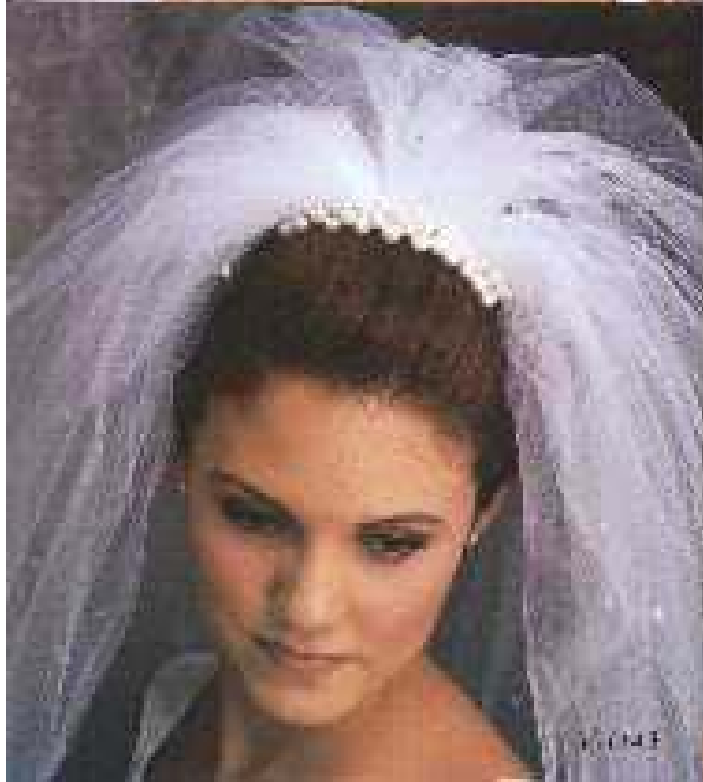
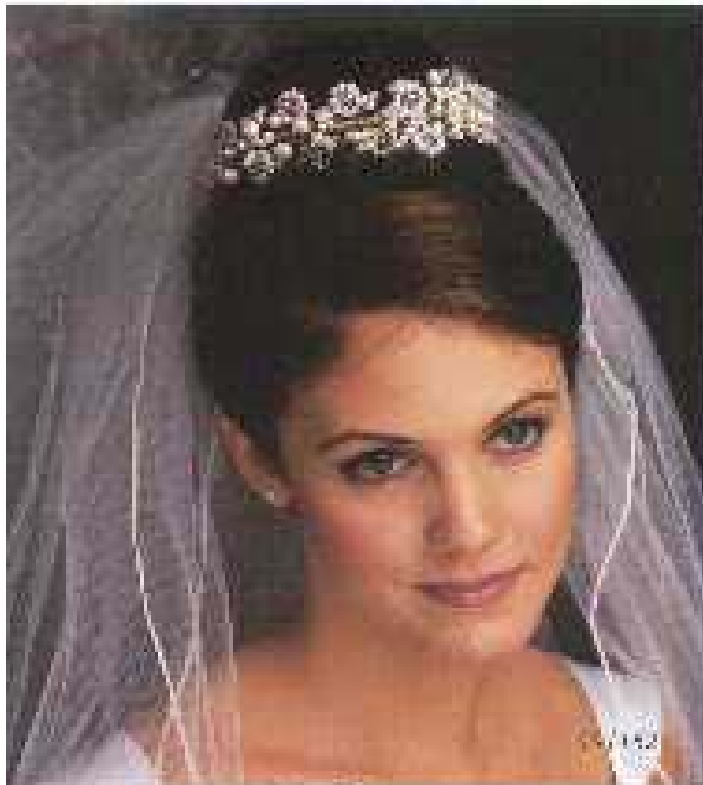
**Bedouins** [see top left] in the open desert prefer the more casual veil *plus burqua*. The *burqua* is a separate piece of cloth which covers the face. This combination allows the hot desert winds to blow through comfortably.

The **Sana's** style of veil [see bottom right] seemed to be the most commonly worn. This loosely woven length of cloth was easy to breath through and soft against my cheek. Only rarely, did I complain of feeling stifled or constrained in this foreign head-gear. The adventure was made that much more rich of an experience by this complete detour from my normal bare-headed ways.



*Symphony* 



















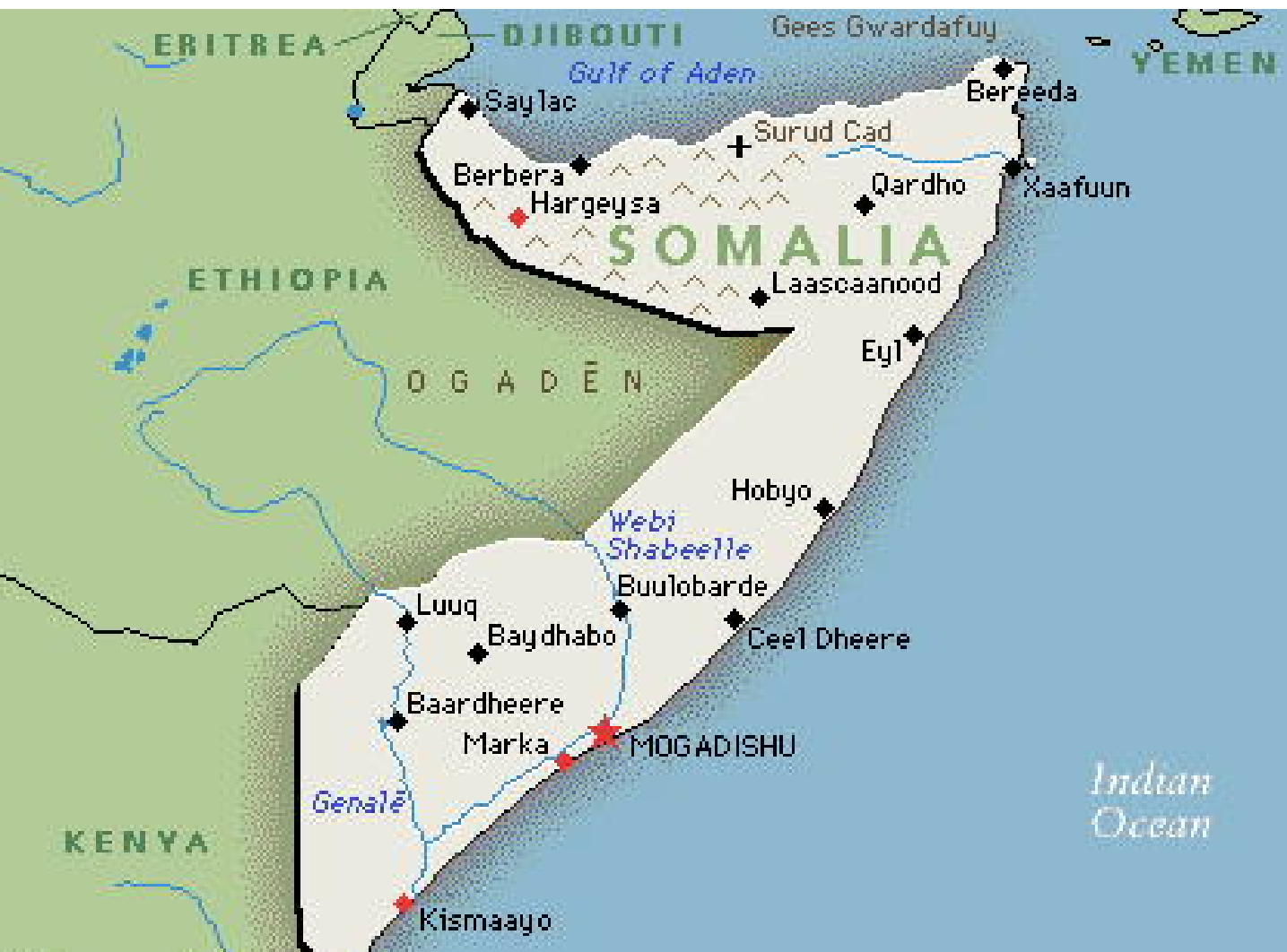




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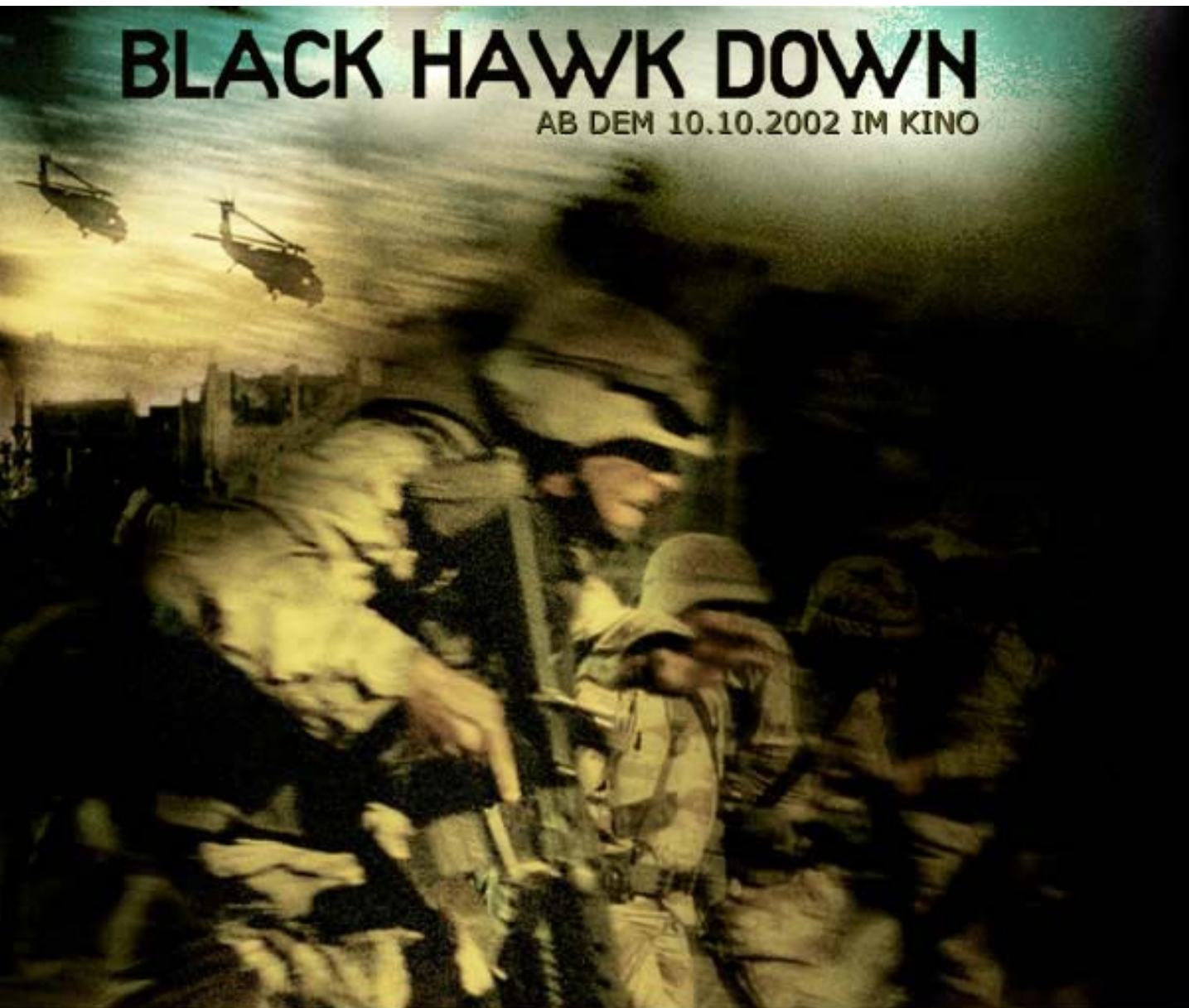






# BLACK HAWK DOWN

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*Correct answer:*

**Osama bin Laden**

I say to [the American people] that they have put themselves at the mercy of a disloyal government...[that] represents Israel inside America. Take the sensitive ministries such as the Ministry of Exterior and the Ministry of Defense and the CIA, you will find that the Jews have the upper hand in them. They make use of America to further their plans for the world, especially the Islamic world....The American government is leading the country towards hell....We say to the Americans as people and to American mothers, if they cherish their lives and if they cherish their sons, they must elect an American patriotic government that caters to their interests not the interests of the Jews.  
May, 1998 Interview, Frontline

THE UNTOLD INDIAN STORY OF CUSTER'S LAST STAND



# LITTLE BIGHORN REMEMBERED

HERMAN J. VIOLA





Sitting Bull







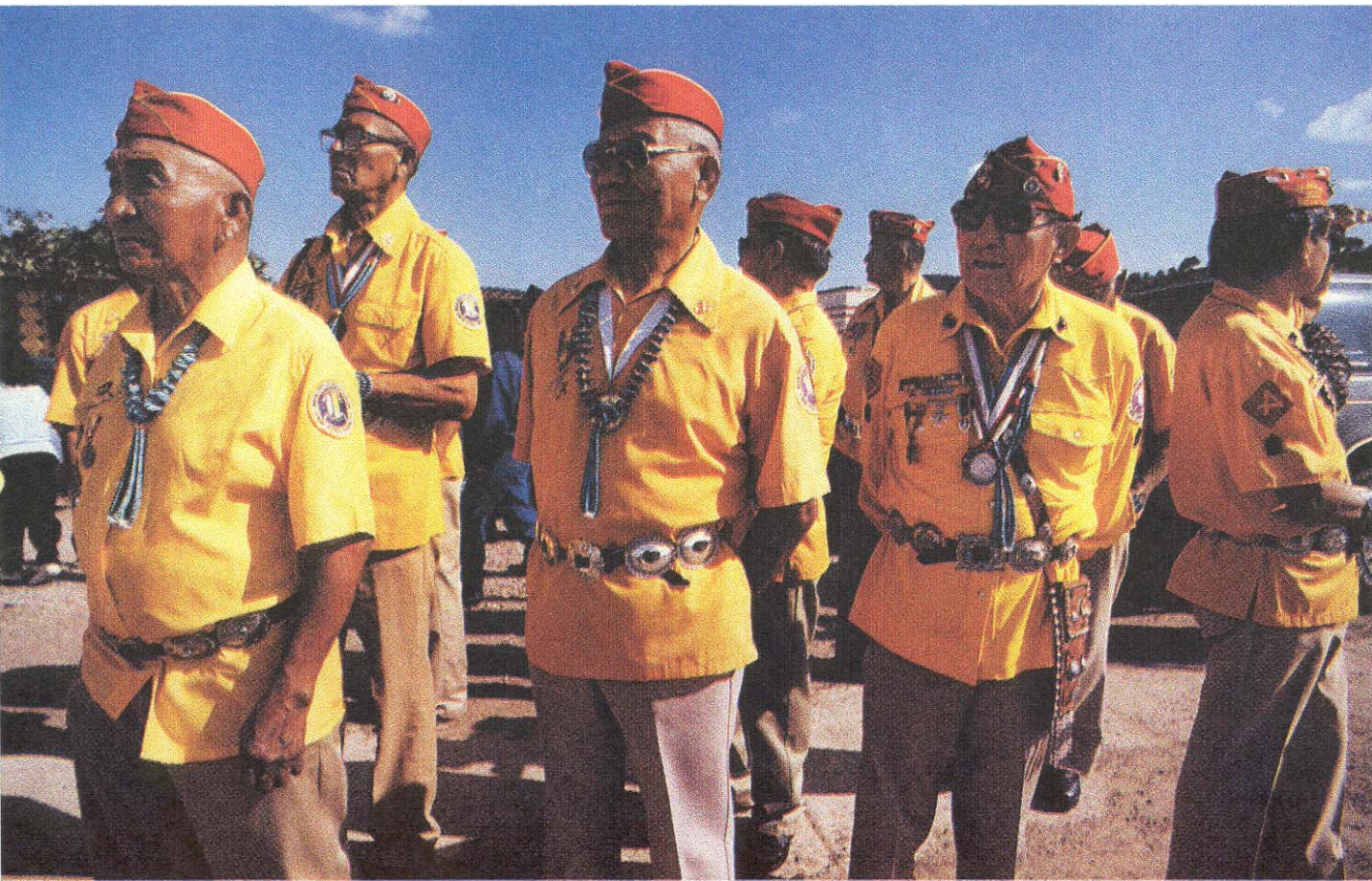


# Custer's Last Dodge

by

Willie Anne Wright





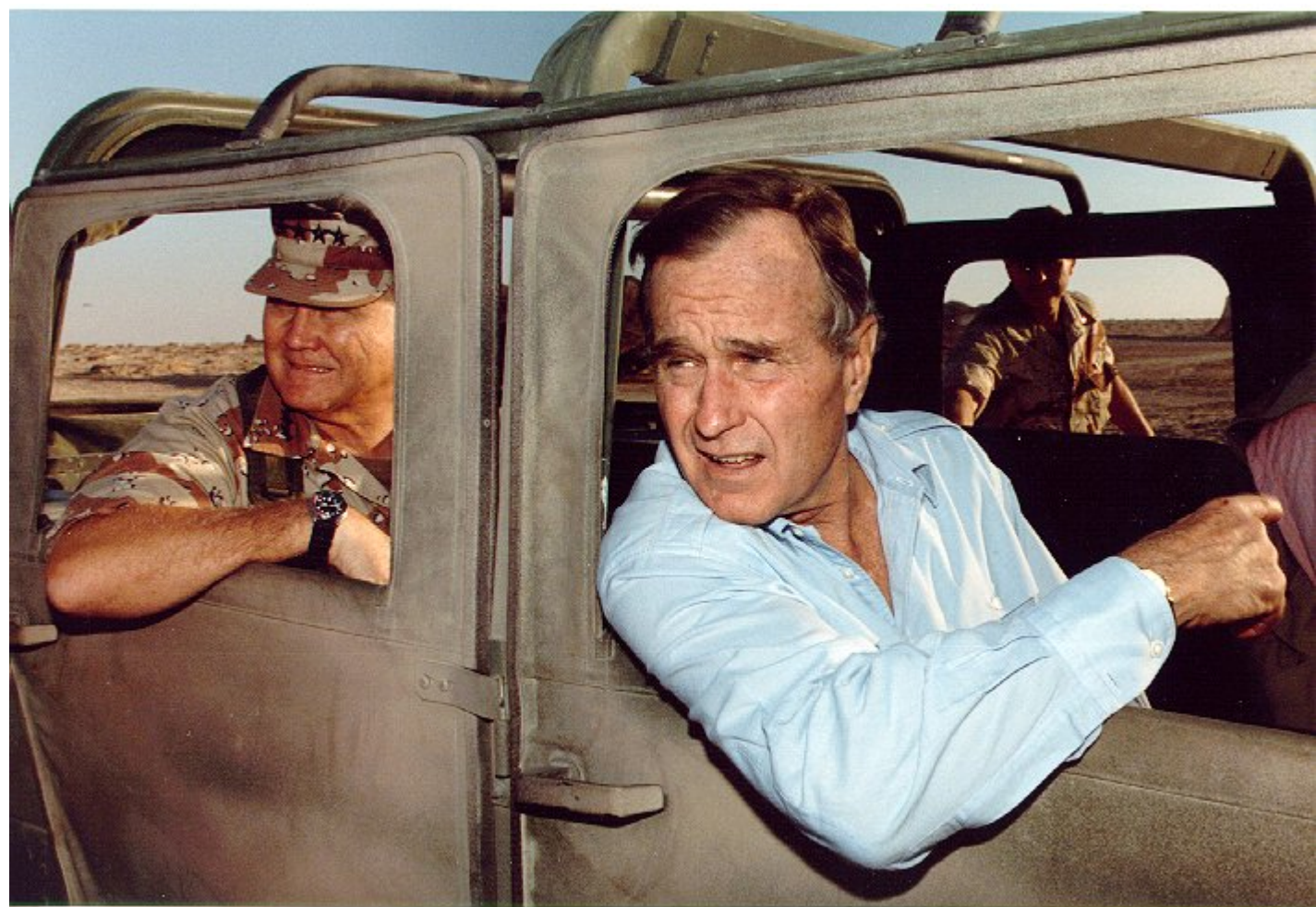


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**NO-FLY ZONE**

36th Parallel

**IRAQ**

Baghdad

33rd Parallel

**NO-FLY ZONE**



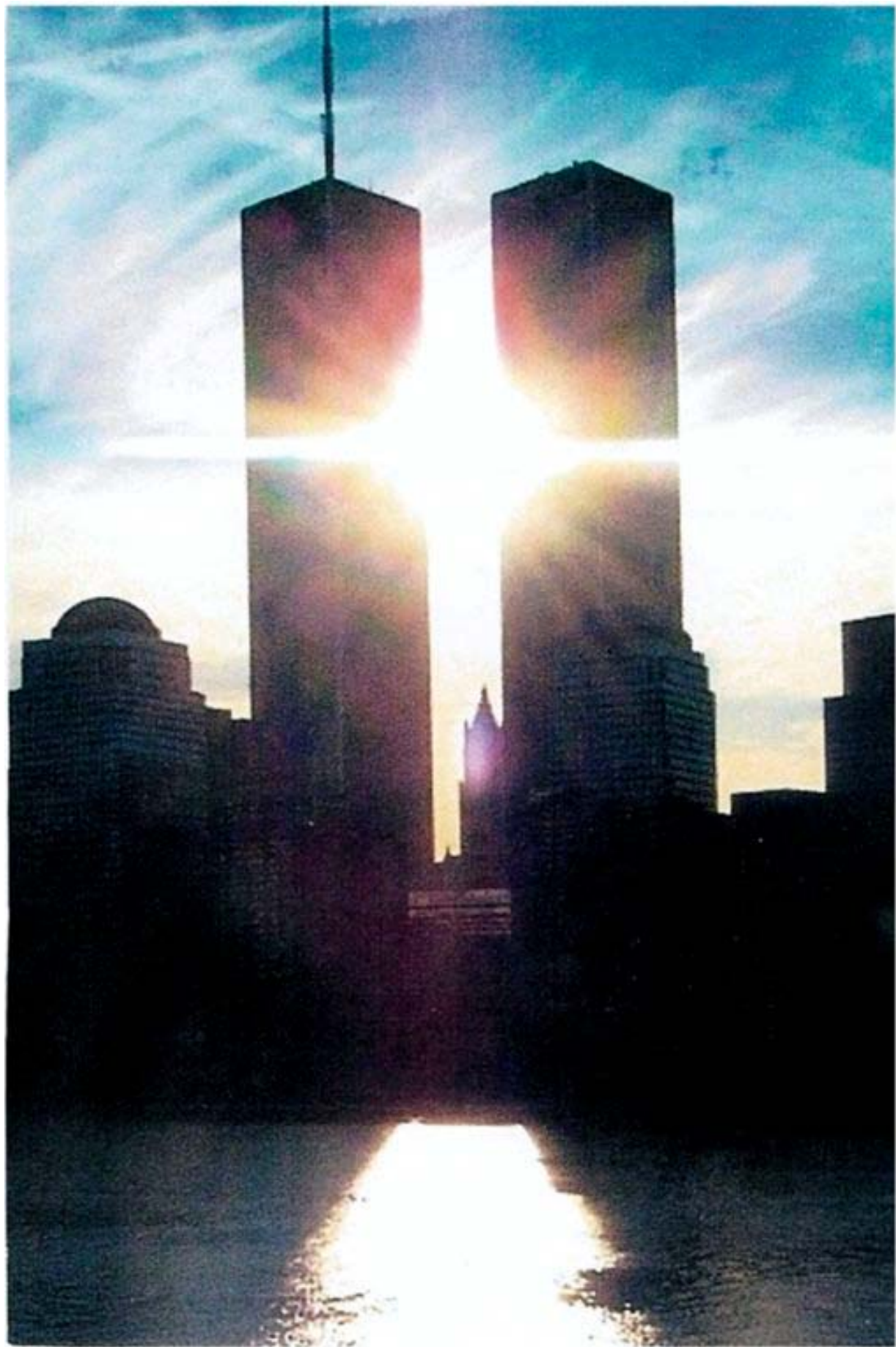
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America is living by a standard of relative morality. Young people who do not know what is right will follow their animal nature. If young people do not believe in absolute truth and absolute morality, they will fornicate, rob and indulge their selfish pleasures. Absolute truth and absolute morality are the basis of the Declaration of Independence. These are self evident truths and inalienable rights. If America is not suffering the irrevocable judgment of God because she has broken her covenant with God, then I believe she is dangerously close. "America Made a Deal with God," 7/6/97



# FBI TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVE

**MURDER OF U.S. NATIONALS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES;  
CONSPIRACY TO MURDER U.S. NATIONALS OUTSIDE THE UNITED  
STATES; ATTACK ON A FEDERAL FACILITY RESULTING IN DEATH**

**USAMA BIN LADEN**



*Dates of Photograph Unknown*

**Still Wanted....**



United Airlines Flight 175 – Marwan Al Shehhi, Fayez Rashid Ahemd Hassan Al Qadi Banihammad, Ahmed Alghamdi, Hamza Alghamdi, Mohald Alsherhri



American Airlines Flight 11 – Satam Al Suqami, Waleed M. Alsherhri, Wail Alsherhri, Mohamed Atta, Abdulaziz Alomari



American Airlines Flight 77 – Khalid Al-Midhar, Majed Moqed, Nawaq Alhamzi, Salem Alhamzi, Hani Hanjour



United Airlines Flight 93 – Saeed Alghamdi, Ahmad Ibrahim A. Al Haznawi, Ahmed Alnami, Ziad Jarrahi



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**GERALDO RIVERA**  
**TORA BORA, AFGHANISTAN**

*Who said it?.....*

We anticipate a black future for  
America.

- a. Jerry Falwell
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*Who said it?.....*

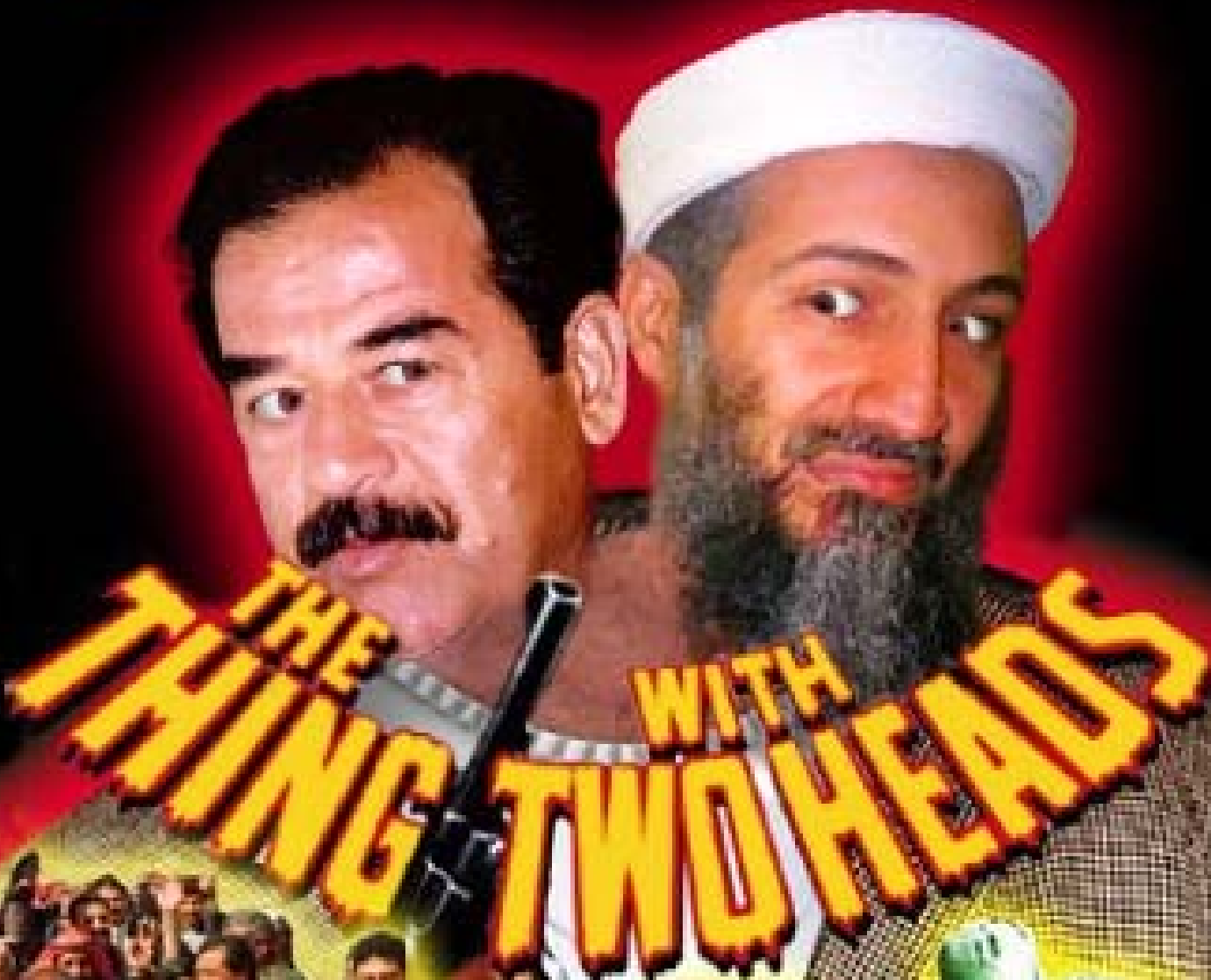
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*Correct answer:*

**Osama bin Laden**

We are certain - with the grace of Allah - that we shall prevail over the Jews and over those fighting with them. Today however, our battle against the Americans is far greater than our battle was against the Russians. Americans have committed unprecedented stupidity. They have attacked Islam and its most significant sacrosanct symbols.... We anticipate a black future for America. Instead of remaining United States, it shall end up separated states and shall have to carry the bodies of its sons back to America. May, 1998 interview, Frontline

# SADDAM AND OSAMA



## THE THING WITH TWO HEADS

They share  
the same  
body..  
so that  
they can  
destroy  
the world!







Scottish Socialist Party  
Where's the  
evidence  
Tony?  
Did you  
learn  
nothing at  
Law School?

DON'T  
ATAQ  
IRAQ

ace - NOT war!





**WOMEN SAY NO WAR ON IRAQ**

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**SYRIA**

**IRAN**

**NORTH KOREA**

**YOU FUCKS ARE NEXT!**

*"American voters love it when I'm kicking godless foreigner ass!"*



*Who said it?.....*

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George Wesley Bellows  
*Both Members of This Club*

1907

# REMEMBER • BELGIUM •

**Buy Bonds  
Fourth  
Liberty  
Loan**



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# HALT the HUN!



**BUY U.S. GOVERNMENT BONDS  
THIRD LIBERTY LOAN**

**Deutscher!**

**soll das wieder Wahrheit werden?**

























*Who said it?.....*

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*Correct answer:*

**Pat Robertson**

There is no way that a United Nations, a League of Nations, peace treaties, disarmament treaties, or any other human instrument can bring about peace. Such things mean nothing when one nation desires the land and resources of another. A lasting peace will never be built upon man's efforts, because man is sinful, vicious, and wicked. Until men are changed and Satan's power is removed, there will not be peace on earth. Answers to 200 of Life's Most Probing Questions











# I Am a Soldier, Too



## *The Jessica Lynch Story*



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