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“A highly informative and absorbing read. With the help of extensive research, this book brings to the fore a completely new perspective on global problems and their solutions. A monumental work by a real polymath.”

—Ibrahim B Syed, ScD, PhD, DSc, FACR, FInstP, FAIC, FRSH,
Clinical Professor of Medicine,
Director of Nuclear Medicine Sciences,
University of Louisville

“This book is a remarkable undertaking! Though unlikely in its wide ambition, it actually succeeds in seamlessly linking the wisdom (and also corruption) of the world’s many seemingly unrelated systems of religion, philosophy, politics, education, psychology-- and especially the world’s most profound poetry—within a deeply thoughtful and respectful work of both scholarly and personal reflection. It is so readable that even the clarifying footnotes are enlightening! Grounded in spirituality as well as in solid research, *Radical Revolution of Values* is a hopeful book, compelling readers to rethink and challenge some surprisingly basic assumptions.”

—Elizabeth Aaronsohn, EdD,
Associate Professor Emerita, Teacher Education Department,
Central Connecticut State University

“Compelling and inspiring. *Radical Revolution of Values* covers key burning topics of our time—highlighting the relationship between society and its commercial institutions. The incisive analysis in this book brings a new perspective to the very definition of corporate social responsibility. Mr. Saeed makes a clear case: “Don’t be evil” and other such slogans have to go beyond lip service; they need principled manifestations in the role an institution plays within a society. **Even in the midst of today’s global concerns, this book provides a sense of hope and future. A must-read for business executives who desire to be responsible citizens and leaders.”**

—Idris T Vasi,
Head of Nokia CNS – Asia-Pacific

“An excellent resource for helping us understand the backstory to the major socio-political and religious issues of today.”

—Miriam Therese Winter, PhD
Medical Mission Sister, Professor Emerita,
Hartford International University for Religion and Peace

“In this persuasive and meticulously researched work, Azam Saeed delves into matters that are at the heart of humanity’s suffering. While his thoughtful analysis of the geopolitical woes of the world is soul-wrenching and even frightening, he eases the reader’s anxiety by offering attainable alternatives to free humankind from its cycles of self-imposed crises. His haunting call for a “radical revolution of values” provides a blueprint to preserve freedom and reclaim true spirituality. This book is a must-read for those who are searching for ways to move our world toward a more enlightened state.”

—Carol Shaw Austad, PhD,
Professor of Psychology, Co-coordinator of Peace Studies,
Central Connecticut State University

“Few writers can marshal the **impressive command of history, psychology, religion and spirituality** that Azam Saeed tackles in his masterful analysis of (nothing less than) the state of international and interpersonal conflict. Saeed insistently pulls every sort of polarity into question in the search for an overarching, more-encompassing truth; a truth which demands self-awareness, contrition and confession from all systems—from the human personality to the organizing structures of governance. ...

Mr. Saeed invites us to apply the same wide-angle lens on our inner evolution. He brings a **beautiful interplay of spiritual voices, images and practices**. The whole of the book is infused with an integrative worldview—interweaving informed practical action in the world alongside the necessary growth of self-awareness. Inspiring and informed.”

—Rabbi Andrea Cohen-Kiener,
Temple Israel, Greenfield MA

“Radical Revolution of Values is a **wide-ranging and multi-layered memoir** of Azam Saeed, a Pakistani-American which takes us on a stimulating exploration of his much-examined life. Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King’s call to work toward a more just and compassionate world through a radical revolution of many prevailing ideas and values, Saeed undertakes an Odyssean venture to find a solution to critical contemporary issues particularly in the context of his dual identity as a Pakistani Muslim and an American citizen. He believes that the solution lies in religion which is foundational and central to human life, and looks at it in the framework of various disciplines including history, philosophy, sociology, literature, political thought, and science.

An exceptional feature of this book is the author’s strong affirmation of all religions which he sees as different pathways to the same spiritual goal. His well-selected citations from a variety of religious and wisdom traditions are truly appealing as are the precious nuggets of personal memories imbedded in the expansive narrative.

“Radical Revolution of Values is a scholarly book but its message of **love, compassion, justice, and inclusion, which is much-needed today, is for all people.** I am very pleased to give it my highest endorsement.”

—Dr. Riffat Hassan,
Professor Emerita, Islamic Theology,
University of Louisville

“Azam Saeed has tackled **the big topics we all confront** today in our divided culture: religious exploitation, tribalism, threats to our freedom, domestic terrorism. He **skillfully dissects these and provides solutions in clear, easy-to-understand language.** He reveals himself to be a man with an open mind and heart whose cultural insight is impressive and whose writing is very much worth reading.”

—Cynthia Parzych,
Author and Publisher,
Cynthia Parzych Publishing, Inc.

“We humans face the challenge today of living with freedom without compromising on the spiritual values of our predecessors. To realize this ideal, the message of the great world religions has to be made socially and intellectually relevant to our times. The biggest threat in the way of achieving this goal is posed by the terrorism that seeks its justification from the religious text. Azam Saeed’s *Radical Revolution of Values* is a **well-researched, skillfully-written, and thought-provoking book that is an important attempt at refuting the disturbing claim that religion promotes terrorism.** He deserves the gratitude of all people who are seriously concerned about the claim that seeks to relate terrorism with religion. The book rebuts the claim thoroughly and convincingly.”

—Khalid Zaheer, PhD,
Islamic scholar and academic