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Islam in Post-Soviet Russia: A Journey through Rebirth and Challenges

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Embark on a Journey into the Heart of Islam's Revival in the Former Soviet Union



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In the wake of the Soviet Union's collapse, Islam has experienced a remarkable resurgence in the newly independent Russian Federation. This spiritual revival has manifested in the construction of numerous mosques, the establishment of Islamic institutions, and the growing visibility of Muslim communities across the vast Russian landscape.

Susan Jane Gilman's comprehensive work, "Islam in Post-Soviet Russia," offers an in-depth exploration of this multifaceted phenomenon. Through meticulous research and firsthand accounts, she paints a vivid portrait of a vibrant and diverse Muslim presence that is transforming the social and religious fabric of the post-Soviet era.

The Historical Roots of Islam in Russia

Islam's presence in Russia dates back centuries, its roots firmly planted in the Caucasus region and the Volga-Ural area. After the Russian conquest of these territories, Muslims became an integral part of the Russian Empire. However, under Soviet rule, religion was suppressed, and Islamic practices were severely restricted.

The Post-Soviet Resurgence

With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the shackles of religious oppression were lifted. Muslims in Russia seized this opportunity to reclaim their religious identity and establish independent Islamic institutions. Mosques sprung up in cities and villages, and new Islamic schools and universities were founded.

Gilman argues that this resurgence was driven by both internal factors within Muslim communities and external factors, such as the influx of Muslim immigrants from Central Asia and the Middle East.

Diversity and Inclusion



One of the most striking features of Islam in post-Soviet Russia is its diversity. Gilman highlights the various ethnic groups and regional variations that shape the country's Muslim communities. From the Tatars and Bashkirs of the Volga-Ural region to the Chechens and Ingush of the North Caucasus, each group brings its unique traditions and perspectives to the broader Islamic landscape.

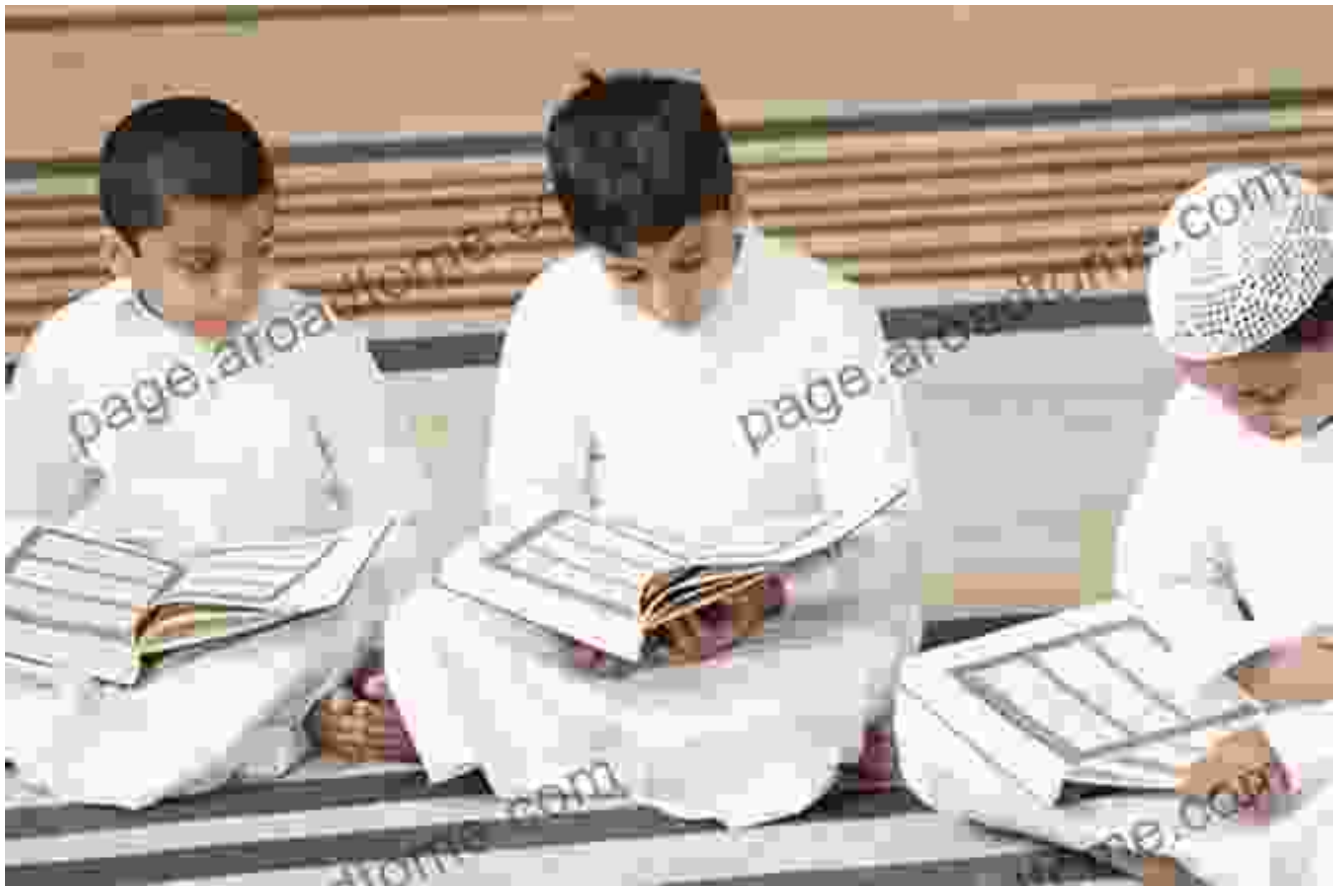
This diversity is also reflected in the wide range of Islamic movements and organizations that have emerged in post-Soviet Russia. There are traditionalist and modernist schools of thought, as well as Sufi Free Downloads and Salafi groups. Gilman explores the complex interplay between these different factions and their influence on the overall evolution of Islam in the region.

Challenges and Controversies

Despite the post-Soviet resurgence, Islam in Russia has not been without its challenges. Gilman delves into the tensions between Muslim communities and the Russian Orthodox Church, as well as the rise of Islamophobia and anti-Muslim discrimination.

She also examines the difficult relationship between the Russian government and Muslim leaders. While the government has taken steps to accommodate Muslim needs, it has also implemented policies that restrict religious freedom and target specific Islamic groups.

The Future of Islam in Post-Soviet Russia



As Russia enters the 21st century, the future of Islam in the country remains uncertain. Gilman discusses the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for Russian Muslims. She explores the potential for further growth and integration, as well as the risks of continued discrimination and conflict.

Ultimately, Gilman argues that the future of Islam in post-Soviet Russia is closely intertwined with the broader religious and political dynamics of the region. By understanding the historical roots, diverse nature, and complex challenges facing Islam in Russia, we can gain a deeper appreciation for the role it plays in shaping the country's future.

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Susan Jane Gilman's "Islam in Post-Soviet Russia" is an essential resource for anyone seeking a comprehensive understanding of the resurgence and challenges of Islam in the former Soviet Union. Through its detailed analysis and insightful perspectives, this work sheds light on a fascinating and dynamic religious phenomenon that is transforming the social and cultural landscape of post-Soviet Russia.

Whether you are an academic, a policymaker, or simply someone interested in the complex world of religion, "Islam in Post-Soviet Russia" is a thought-provoking and highly recommended read.



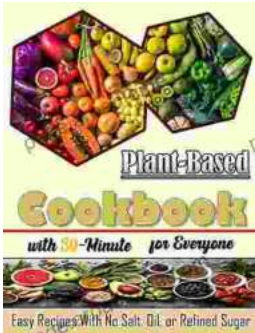
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