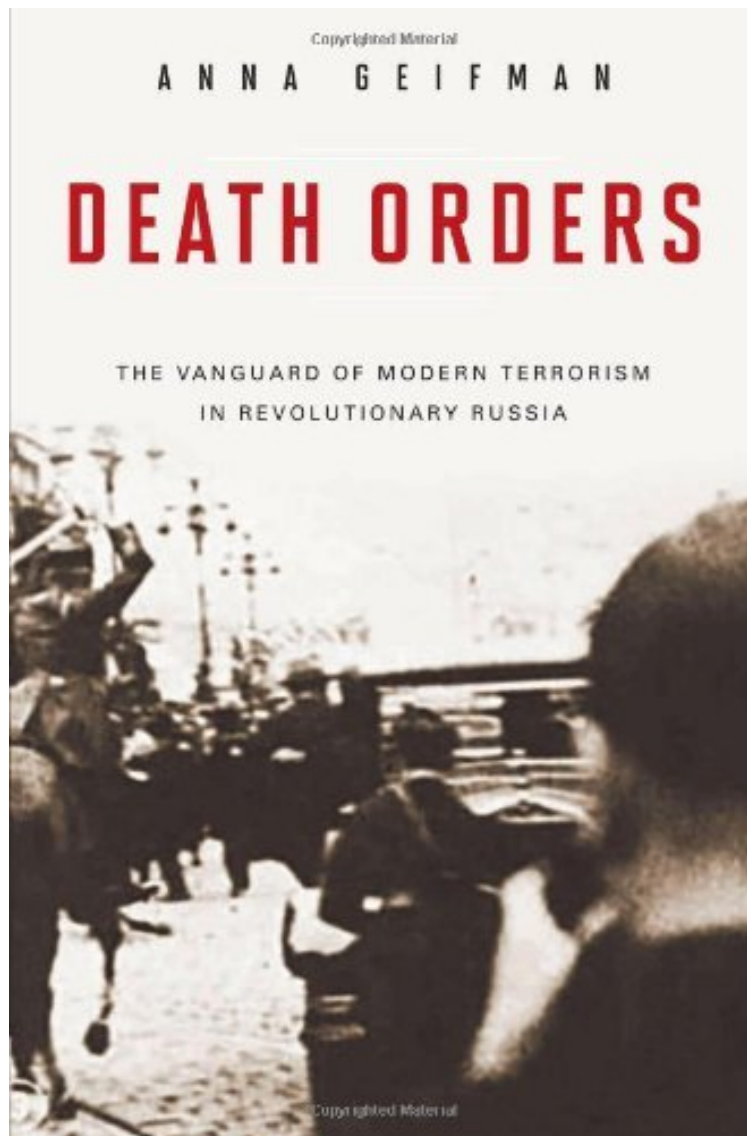


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to Death Von Peter Uys This study reveals the close correspondences between terrorism in Tsarist Russia in the early 20th century, the way the death cult manifested throughout the century and up to the contemporary Jihad. The author takes a psycho-historical approach to the phenomenon to demonstrate how the violence in Russia serves as a blueprint for modern terror. From 1901 to 1917 more than 20,000 terrorist acts resulted in about 17,000 wounded or dead. Starting out as targeted assassinations, the killings soon became indiscriminate. A startling revelation is that the stated ideology, political motive or dogma is not the driving force - death worship is. The killers themselves became indiscriminate, joining a bewildering array of organizations and sometimes openly declaring that murder was more important than ideology. The work also casts light on the reason why revolutions devour so many of their children. Should it gain power as the Bolsheviks did in Russia in 1917, a terror state is the result and the killing proceeds on a much larger scale. The personality type of the suicide-homicide bomber is illuminated along with the psychology of the movement that promotes it; in this regard, Eric Hoffer's True Believer is of value in tracing the development of the mass movement and those that join it. Two other personality types are associated with the romantic nihilist: the sinister intellectual that justifies genocide on idealistic grounds and the predator that takes advantage of the mayhem caused by the nihilist and the mask of idealism created by the intellectual. Geifman shows that this type of violence grows like a living organism which needs perpetual motion to survive. When attacking external forces, the momentum continues but the instant it is contained, the killing turns inward as the organism starts feeding on its components - the perpetrators exterminate one another. Deluded by the idea that they are the masters of life and death, the leaders of these movements are in reality only the agents of Thanatos. The worship of death or the impulse towards human sacrifice is a feature of all secular and many religious salvationist movements that strive for utopia. The utopian urge is never extinguished and those who take the path either end up insane or create hell on earth as Robert Conquest shows in Dragons Of Expectation. It thus appears that there will always be thanatophiles but the good news is that these death cults all eventually disappear. It is therefore irresponsible to negotiate with the Ayatollocracy or to think that terror groups like Hamas or Hezbollah could ever become moderate or tolerant. Recognition by the EU and other countries of a Palestinian state which would necessarily include Hamastan in Gaza would be a deadly mistake that will only increase the misery of Palestinians. The author contributes major new insights on the history, psychology and modus operandi of terrorism with this intercultural, diachronic study spanning more than a hundred years. The book is impeccably researched and contains a comprehensive bibliography.

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