

Homo Kaplanensis: “Europe Was Defined By Islam. And Islam Is Redefining It Now.”

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Robert Kaplan, a contributing editor to *The Atlantic*, has just published [a piece on Islam and the future of Europe](#). He claims, startlingly, that Europe “was essentially defined by Islam,” by which he means that before Islam swept across North Africa, Europe consisted of a single civilization, on both banks of the Mediterranean – that of the Roman Empire – and that Islam’s arrival severed “the Mediterranean region into two civilizational halves.” [more>>>](#)