

What If It Doesn't Work Out Like That?

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No stronger retrograde force [than Islam] exists in the world.
– Winston Churchill, *The River War*

Islam is a religion of peace.
– David Cameron, from a statement following the beheading by Islamists of a British aid worker

If there was an obvious lesson to be learned by European novelists from their new Muslim Lord Chancellors after the Salman Rushdie affair, it was to be at the very least elliptical when dealing with the topic of Islam. After Rushdie's unreadable tripe *The Satanic Verses* caused its furore in 1989, at least one novel has fallen still-born from the presses due to its dalliance with Mohammedan topics. [more>>>](#)