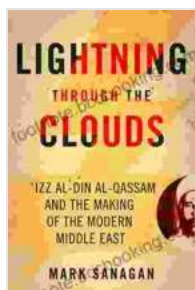


# Izz Al Din Al Qassam: The Architect of the Modern Middle East



Izz Al Din Al Qassam is a towering figure in the history of the Middle East. As the founder of the Muslim Brotherhood in Palestine, he played a pivotal role in shaping the region's political and religious landscape. His

unwavering commitment to Islamic principles and his tireless advocacy for Palestinian independence left an enduring legacy that continues to resonate today. This comprehensive book delves into the life and times of Izz Al Din Al Qassam, exploring his profound impact on the modern Middle East.



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### Early Life and Education

Izz Al Din Al Qassam was born in 1882 in Jabaliya, Palestine. From a young age, he displayed an exceptional intellect and a deep passion for Islamic studies. He pursued his education at Al-Azhar University in Cairo, where he immersed himself in Islamic jurisprudence and theology. During his time in Egypt, he was profoundly influenced by the teachings of Jamal al-Din al-Afghani and Muhammad Abduh, two leading figures in the Islamic reform movement.

### Return to Palestine and Foundation of the Muslim Brotherhood

Upon his return to Palestine in 1914, Qassam was deeply troubled by the Ottoman Empire's oppressive rule and the growing Zionist movement. He

believed that the only way to achieve true independence and protect the rights of the Palestinian people was through the establishment of an Islamic state. In 1928, he founded the Muslim Brotherhood in Palestine, a clandestine organization dedicated to promoting Islamic values and fighting against British colonialism and Zionist aspirations.

## **Armed Resistance and Martyrdom**

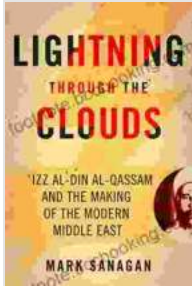
As tensions escalated between the British authorities and the Palestinian population, Qassam's movement grew in popularity. He advocated for armed resistance as a legitimate means of self-defense against the occupiers. In 1935, after a series of clashes with British forces, Qassam was surrounded by soldiers in the village of Ya'bad. He fought valiantly but was ultimately killed in the ensuing gunfight. His martyrdom became a rallying cry for the Palestinian national movement and solidified his status as a legendary figure in the region's history.

## **Legacy and Influence**

Izz Al Din Al Qassam's legacy extends far beyond his lifetime. The Muslim Brotherhood, which he founded, has become one of the most influential Islamic movements in the world. His teachings on Islamic unity and resistance to oppression have inspired countless individuals and organizations throughout the Middle East and beyond. His unwavering belief in the power of faith and the importance of collective action continues to resonate with those who seek justice and liberation.

Izz Al Din Al Qassam was a visionary leader whose life and work left an indelible mark on the modern Middle East. His legacy as the founder of the Muslim Brotherhood, his advocacy for Palestinian independence, and his unwavering commitment to Islamic principles make him a towering figure in

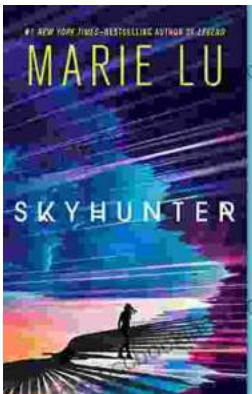
the region's history. This book provides a comprehensive account of Qassam's life and times, shedding light on his profound impact on the political, religious, and social landscape of the Middle East.



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