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Lessons for a 'secular Muslim'

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It is not surprising that Tarek Fatah was appalled by the comments of ex-Muslim Wafa Sultan, since many of her remarks could apply to Mr. Fatah himself.

Some of Ms. Sultan's statements which offend Mr. Fatah include the suggestion that the Prophet Muhammad was a child rapist and that "moderate Islam" does not really exist. The first point is undeniable: Muhammad did indeed have sexual relations with a nine-year-old child.

As for "moderate Islam," Mr. Fatah is exhibit number one.

The strongest forces which struggle against Islamic fanaticism include the Israeli military and Hindu nationalists in India. Mr Fatah poses as an allegedly "moderate Muslim," yet he has been sharply critical of both.

If this is "moderate Islam," it is indeed fair to doubt whether such a concept even exists.

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