



The Old Man on the Mountain
The Secret Order of Assassins
The Militias of Heaven, starring The Templars and the Assassins
The Ismaili Assassins
History of Medieval Murder
The Da Vinci Code for Islam

Where to begin. *(I plan to mispronounce most of these words because who really knows what people sounded like a thousand years ago)*

Life for the medieval man was hard and short. Modern man can not understand or realize how much time was spent preparing for what happens after death.

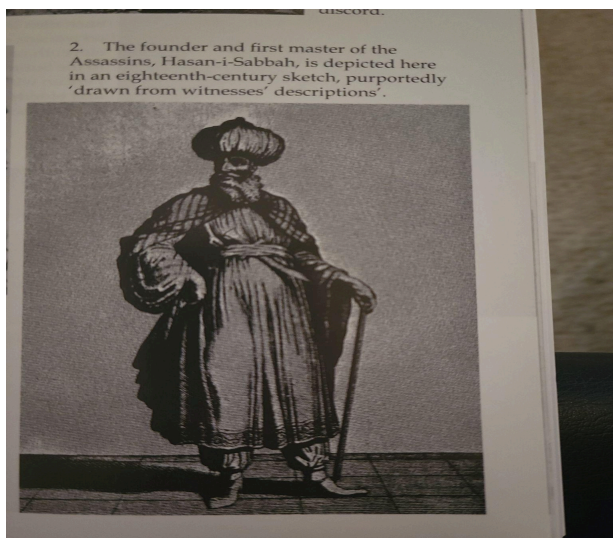
The saga of the assassins is the history of medieval Islam. It is the story of hundreds of years of dynamic political intrigue. Literal Castle Intrigue. The Fatima, Abbasids, the Turks, the Franks and the Mongols vied for control and the assassins flourished in this ever shifting landscape.

Usually a major difference between a “dictatorship” and a “cult” is that the dictatorship is not a voluntary organization, people find themselves living under a dictator for a variety of reasons but it’s not something you sign up for. A Cult, at least initially, on the other hand, people volunteer to be members. When you combine the two you get the Assassins and become relevant for centuries. These “assassians” had actually been around since the 7th century, not long after the beginnings of Islam. They really got going in the 1100s and were always enemies of the Sunni, so by default they were Shia (*but not really as we will find out later in the ‘what they believed section’*). They were a Secret Society so they weren’t publishing a lot of information. The Shia were the persecuted minority so they had to be secret. The history about them, told centuries later, is filled with duplicates of stories of followers jumping to their death to show complete loyalty, talking heads, sultans in a cage etc (did these happen more than once?)

The Politics: Sunni were always fighting shias. There were Turkish muslims from the steppe, there were The Knights Templar and Crusaders in Jerusalem. The assassins were caught in the middle and thrived on the chaos. Their weapon of choice was political assassinations and it worked so well it brought down the Seljuk Turks. They thrived for 2 centuries until they tried to assassinate a guy named monkey.

What They believed: Who really knows. There was a lot of classic philosophy, there is no real God - it's all fake, only believing the leader, secret powers of the leader. All the typical cult stuff plus numerology, they loved the numbers 7 and 12.

Their first leader, and founder, of the Assassins was named Hasan - i (i've got a pumpkin on my head) Sabbah (Born 1050 died 1124) in Alamut Castle, Iran.



Who they crossed paths with: These historical religious cult fanatics crossed paths with many of the folks we talked about in our previous videos: Including:

The Crusaders
Knights Templar
Richard the Lion Heart
Frederick II
Saladin
Marco Polo
Mongols
Prestor (I don't really exist) John

Dates that are noteworthy:

570 and 632 Birth/Death of the Prophet Muhammad
1070 - 92 The Ismailis, soon to become Assassins, take castles in Persia

1099	1st Crusade
1106	Assassins take Castle in Syria
1148 - 49	2nd Crusade (Assassins fight <i>with</i> Raymond of Antioch)
1152	Count Raymond of Tripoli murdered by Assassins
1153	Sultan in a cage (Sanjar defeated by the Ghuss Turks)
1192	3rd Crusade (did overheated Lion have Conrad of Montferrat assassinated by the Assassins?)
1193	Death of Saladin
1215	Genghis Khan takes Beijing
1219	Mongols first invasion into Muslim lands
1228	Frederick II makes deal with Assassins (protection money)
1275	Assassins recapture Alamut Castle from the Mongols
1336	Mongols in Persia are over and Assassins become peaceful

How did they end, or did they? Gengis Khan's grandson Mongke (*hold my beer while i demolish your civilization in 1258*) got the Assassins and the French King got the Templars.

Modern Day (not so secret) Societies. The Assassins ended up being spread all over Asia after the collapse of the Mongol State in Persia. They became a peaceful community of Ismaili Muslims today. They also can be found starring in a video game franchise of Assassin's Creed. Also one could argue that they endure and may be associated with current day Ordo Templi Orientis. **(you can actually Google a local chapter in your community for more information)**) It is said that The Templars became the Illuminati and pulled the strings in the Western World until today and also morphed into Ordo Templi Orientis.

Bibliography of Books:

"The Secret Order of Assassins" by Marshall G.S. Hodgson

"The Ismaili Assassins" by James Waterson* (a 25 year member of Ordo Templi Orientis)

"The Templar and the Assassins" by James Wasserman

- Joseph, please add your books read here.

Dan Jones, Dan Brown, Dan Carlin, Dan Davis, Dan Dan it's just history man.

Supplemental Information from Gates of Babylon

Assassin notes:

a) First quick background:

The Assassins (aka Nizari Ismailis), were a heretical group of Shiite Muslims who were powerful in Persia and Syria from the 11th century CE until their defeat at the hands of the Mongols in the mid-13th century CE. Secure in their fortified hilltop castles, they became infamous for their strategy of singling out opposition figures and murdering them, usually in knife-wielding teams.

b) we not going to divi into shia and suni side of the story as it is out of the scope. It is far more complicated for especially a non-muslim to understand by writing (unless you want to read a book or 20 pages, which most people wouldn't).

They anyway considered non-muslims by both sides. That is not a random statement but a consequence to what of some they believe that contradicts Islam at the root. It is mostly a political movement than religion motivated.

A side not when you say shia as a conflict is mostly comes to Arabs vs Persians not really religious.

Many non-muslims are also involved. It is about power really at the end.

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So lets begin.

The Ismailis were a Shiite Muslim sect formed in the 8th century CE after they split from other Muslims over their adherence to Ismail (760 CE), the eldest son of the sixth imam (leaders of the faith after the Prophet Muhammad), Jafar al-Sadiq (765 CE). The Ismailis believed that Ismail, despite predeceasing his father, had already been nominated by the latter as his successor. Therefore, the next (7th) imam was Ismail's son Muhammad al-Mahdi, as opposed to the orthodox Shiite support for Ismail's brother Musa al-Kazim (799 CE). For this reason, the Ismaili's are often referred to as the 'Seveners.' The Ismailis awaited the arrival of the Mahdi or 'the rightly-guided one' who would restore peace and justice, and signal the arrival of the Qa'im, 'the bringer of the Resurrection.'

Those believes are a mishmash of ideas with a twist without context. There is no details that much involved but everything is twisted. If you go deep you will see they contradict almost all opinions and even many basics and determinated facts.

Note: their name might have come from drugs but that could be a lie. However, if it is so then i don't know what you thinking if you still thing they believe in Islam fir real or something else that they still call it Islam to confuse and manipulate people.

The Ismailis were, then, seen as heretics by other Muslim groups, not only by other Shiite Muslims but also the Sunnis of the Abbasid Caliphate (750-1258 CE) based at Baghdad. In the late 11th century CE, the Ismailis themselves split into two groups after a dynastic dispute and their disappointment of the Ismaili-run Fatimid Caliphate (909-1171 CE), then based at Cairo, to progress their ambition to dominate all of the Muslim world. The eastern-based branch of the sect, the Nizari Ismailis, were named after their preferred candidate for caliph, Abu Mansur Nizar (1047-1097 CE). The Nizaris were more militant than their rival Ismaili branch, and it was they who became known as the Assassins.

Those type of dynamics still to some degree even after centuries come to surface from a long nap in Iraq after 1979 and more powerfully after 2003.

All those that understands Islamic jurisprudence understands that the core the top 100 officials of the current Iranian government are just: maifi for money, rasist, supremacist, very corrupt, Islamophobic by being too extremely Arabphobic, semi-zoroastrians ultra Persian nationalist extremist. That hate arabs and Islam ,the prophet plus his wife and his companions. For that hating a close compain of the prophet is hating the prophet himself and Islam.

Ithnā ‘Asharī, or Twelver, Shi‘i branch is rejected by all other groups in Shi and Suni.

Note: modern day shi propaganda and design of modern Iranian government since 1979 is changing since 2006/8. Not only that is is completely different that is was before 1970s. It is becoming a stupid/backwards religion of it is own. If you don't believe me , then ask any educated shi Iraqi and he would answer you. Most of Iran crap is still within only Iraq. That is where their storage of random ideas is located.

Assassins where Nizaris (which is related to Twelvers) are the largest segment of the Ismaili Muslims, who are the second-largest branch of Shia Islam after the Twelvers. Nizari teachings emphasize human reasoning or *ijtihad*—using educated, independent reasoning in solving legal questions; pluralism—the acceptance of racial, ethnic, cultural and inter-religious differences; and social justice. Nizaris, along with Twelvers, adhere to the Ja‘fari school of jurisprudence.

All this sounds good and logical, but the catchy question is: How they implement and what they mean by that? Which is where actually logic goes out if the window due to twists.

What they mean is by it "reasoning" + pluralism in simple terms (for non-Muslims to understand) that my logic or our logic comes before God. Forget religion, if you think about this from a legal jurisprudences POV this is corrupt from step one and contradict Islam. Not that Islam against resone but they over extragate resone even when they have no knowledge of it. The problem this is designed so the leaders can use ut as political tool by putting themselves in God's place in the shadows to manipulate what they want.

The Fidai were feared as the Assassins, but did not assassinate for payment. Although they were trained in the art of spying and combat, they also practiced Islamic mysticism at the highest level. This religious ardor turned them into formidable foes, as in the anecdote of Count Henry of Champagne. Returning from Armenia, Henry spoke with Grand Master Rashid ad-Din Sinan (known to the West as "The Old Man of the Mountain") at one of his castles, al-Kahf, in Syria. Henry pointed out that since his army was bigger by far than Sinan's, Sinan should pay him an annual tribute.

Sinan refused, asserting that his army was far stronger, in spirit and unquestioning obedience if not in numbers. He invited Henry to witness this obedience and sacrificial spirit of his Fidai.

Sinan signalled to a Fidai standing on the parapet of a high wall of his castle, to jump. The Fidai called out "God is Great" and unhesitatingly took a headlong death dive into the rocks far below.

The bewildered Henry asked Sinan the cause for the suicidal jump. Sinan pointed once again to the Fidai who had taken the place of the now dead Fidai. Again Sinan gave a signal to the Fidai to jump and the second Fidai also called out "God is Great" and jumped to his death. Henry was visibly shaken by the experience of witnessing the two Fidais' total disregard for their own lives. He accepted Sinan's terms of peace on a non-tribute-paying basis. The Nizaris thus averted debilitating wars against them because of their Fidais' feats of self-sacrifice and assassinations of powerful enemy leaders to demonstrate the will and commitment of the community to live free from being a vassal to any Levantine power.

Basically your first ISIS and Al-Qaeda. The assassins are basically terrorist. Just like Al-Qaeda they twist good things by taking the extreme arrogance into completely weird thing.

The Fidai were some of the most feared assassins in the then known world, purposed in the wrong way. Sinan ordered assassinations against politicians and generals such as the great Kurdish general and founder of the Ayyubid dynasty, Saladin. When you go against Saladin we know who is evil and who is good.

They managed in the end to kill him unfortunately.

Nizari Ismaili theology is the pre-eminent negative or apophatic theology of Islam because it affirms the absolute Oneness of God (tawhid) through negating all names, descriptions, conceptions, and limitations from God. The Ismaili theology of tawhid goes back to the teachings of the early Shi'a Imams, especially Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib (661), Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (743), and Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (765). Additionally, a number of eminent Ismaili Muslim philosophers—Abu Ya'qub al-Sijistani (971), Ja'far ibn Mansur al-Yaman (960), Hamid al-Din al-Kirmani (1021), al-Mu'ayyad al-Din Shirazi (1077), Nasir-i Khusraw (d. 1088), Abd al-Karim al-Shahrastani (1153), Nasir al-Din al-Tusi (1273)—consolidated and refined the Ismaili theology of tawhid using the strongest philosophical arguments of their time. Even in the present age, Imam Shah Karim al-Husayni Aga Khan IV, the present and 49th hereditary Imam of the Shi'a Ismaili Muslims, continues to stress the absolute and utter transcendence of God. At the 1975 All-Isma'iliya Paris Conference, the Ismaili Imam endorsed and approved the following resolution concerning the contemporary Ismaili position on the concept of God:

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The absolute transcendence of God to be emphasized, and the Ismaili belief in God to be expounded in association with the general stress on the transcendence of God in the Qur'an, as exemplified particularly in the Surat al-Ikhlās.

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The general idea is true but the implementation is so wrong that they contradict everything to the point where

"Where is banana" what is the pint then to be a Muslim. Why they bother calling themselves Muslim?

It is like calling yourself Christian but then next mint hiting Jesus low. Why? Why?