Lecture: Religious Terrorism
Religious terrorism in essence is the use of terrorism by groups (ISIS, KKK, etc) for the express purpose of defending the faith and building a perfect society based on religious laws or precepts (Turetzky)
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Religious terrorists generally believe the world is decaying into a morass of greed and moral depravity which they seek to correct.

The focus of tonight’s video is the Muslim Brotherhood and the rise of al Qaeda; the second one looks at the rise of ISIS...their names are different but their goals are similar.
What all these orgs share in common is:
1) a utopian, expressly religious vision for changing the world
and
2) a willingness to use violence to achieve those ends...
**Perhaps the most interesting aspect of religious terrorists like the former leader of AQ, Osama bin Laden, and the current leader of ISIS, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, is their goals:**
**Goals, cont.**

(1) They see terrorism as a necessary means of defending their faith

2) of reconstructing the Caliphate under the rule of Shariah law

*To do so, such groups do **WHATEVER** it takes to achieve those goals.*
Let’s take a closer look...