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Wahhabism, Salafism and the Expansion of Islamic Fundamentalist Ideology*

Abstract: Rise of Wahhabism was an example of a larger current, which exerts pressure on the “return to sources”, discernible in other regions of the Islamic world in the eighteenth century. Sources were the Koran and the Prophet's traditions, Sunna, contrary to the doctrines of the four Sunni schools of law at the time active. Continuing the Wahhabi ideology, Salafism represented, in the development of Islamic spirituality, maybe the most altered form of the Muslim culture, removing all values that were not connected with the first generation of Islam.

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