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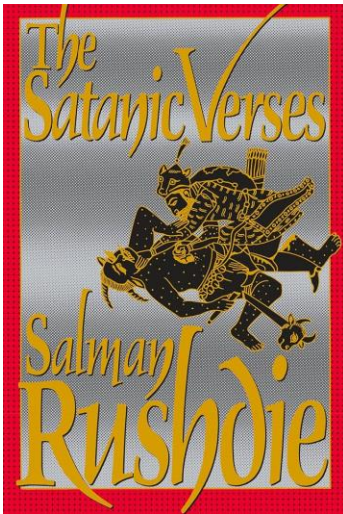
President George W. Bush dared into the Iraq War, and labeled Hussein's regime to be part of the axes of evil along with Iran and North Korea. He said that all the countries in the world had to clarify their own position to belong either on the US side or the terror's side. And he shouted that "Show the Flag!". There was no alternative to allow ambiguity. For President Bush it was a confrontation between justice and injustice. In religious meaning, it was a confrontation between God and the Devil. Needless to say, the United States was justice and an agent of God, and Iraq was injustice and an agent of the Devil. Monotheistic Christianity often uses its own logic to distinguish ally or enemy.

However, monotheistic Islam also had the same logic. For Islamic countries justice was in their side. They justified themselves that they were the agents of Allah. They claimed that the United States and other Western Christian countries were injustice, and Western people were the agents of the Devil. The Satanic Verses incident in 1988 was a good example. A British writer Sir Salman Rashdie wrote a novel "The Satanic Verses" which was the lifetime story of Prophet Muhammad. Muslims accused the author that the novel insulted Prophet Muhammad and Islam. Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, ordered death sentence for not only the author but also its publisher and foreign translators. Japanese translator who was an associate professor of the Tsukuba University was killed by unknown somebody.

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