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Three phases of confrontation of Islam mean; (1) the pagan confrontation between Islam vs Christianity and/or Judaism, (2) sectarian confrontation between Shiite vs Suuni, and (3) heretical confrontation between modern secularism vs fundamentalism (Sarafism).

The example of pagan confrontations were the wars between Israel and the Arab countries, or terrorist attacks against the United States by Al Qaeda such as September 911 attacks and other terrorist attacks in various places of the world. The Afghan war against the USSR could also be deemed to be a kind of pagan confrontation as monotheism versus atheism. Iran-Iraq War was a typical sectarian confrontation between Shiite vs. Sunni.

The heretical confrontation within the same sects is the confrontation between modern Islamic secularism and Islamic fundamentalism (Sarafism). This has a little bit complicated problem because each side insists that they themselves are orthodox and condemned opponents as heretic or apostates. They assert that they are the followers of the correct teachings of Prophet Muhammad. They insist their own legitimacy. They never compromise at all.

Medieval Christian society also had heretical confrontation i.e. confrontation between Catholic vs Protestant. But Christian society overcame the confrontation and coexists with no violation to others

nowadays. Why Islam cannot overcome this confrontation?

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