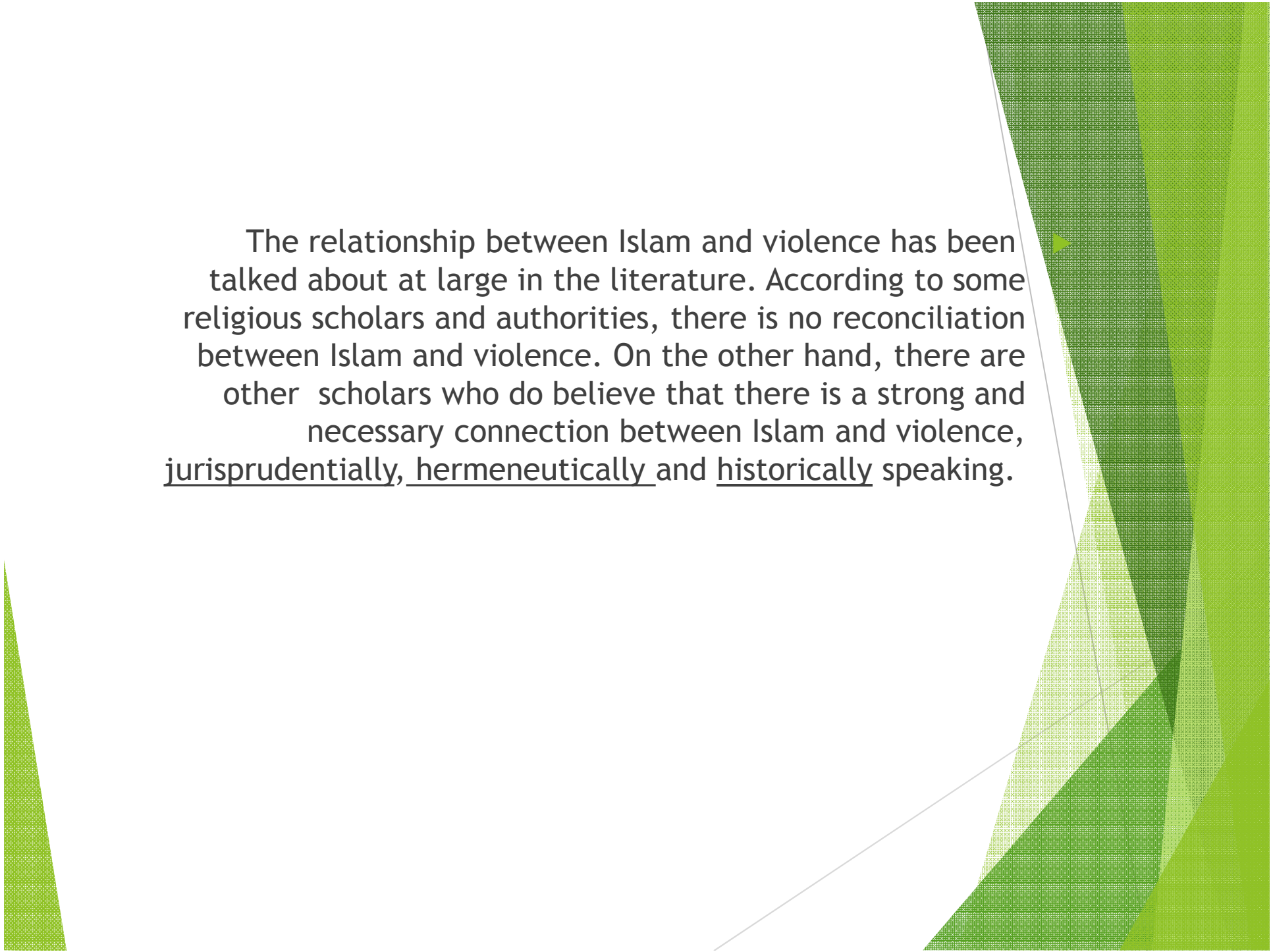


Islam and Violence

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The relationship between Islam and violence has been talked about at large in the literature. According to some religious scholars and authorities, there is no reconciliation between Islam and violence. On the other hand, there are other scholars who do believe that there is a strong and necessary connection between Islam and violence, jurisprudentially, hermeneutically and historically speaking.



Jurisprudentially speaking ►

Hermeneutically speaking ►

Historically speaking ►



In order to shed light on the relationship between Islam and violence, I am going to categorize and make a distinction between four different accounts of Islam, entitled: "traditional Islam", "traditionalist Islam", "fundamentalist Islam" and "reformist Islam".





Traditional Islam ▶


Traditionalist Islam ▶

Fundamentalist Islam ▶

reformist Islam ▶



Moreover, it has to be taken into account that “ violence”, similar to “ justice”, is a socially- constructed concept. The very idea of “ family resemblance” in the Wittgensteinian sense can shed light on this issue and explain it more, semantically speaking.



In order to categorize the relationship between Islam and violence in a comprehensive and consistent way, we have to formulate the relationship between four above-mentioned accounts of Islam and the concept “violence”.

Traditional Islam and Violence: the importance and priority of Jurisprudence and Sunnah

Traditionalist Islam and Violence: “Perennial Wisdom” and allegorical account of the Scripture and Sunnah.

Fundamentalist Islam and Violence: literal, mechanical and a- historical interpretation of the scripture and Sunnah: Jahadi and Salafi Islam.

Reformist Islam and Violence: context- dependency, contingency and plurality; the fallacy of “anachronism”; humanistic and ethical interpretation of the scripture and Sunnah