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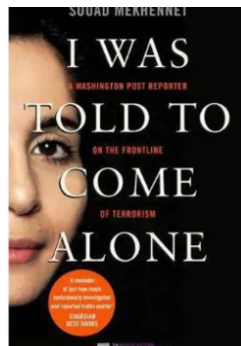
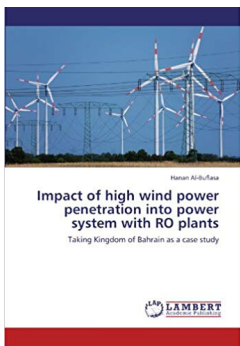
Read about the article by Derasat's Chairman, H.E. Dr. Sh. Abdulla bin Ahmed AlKhalifa, as featured in "Our World" magazine.

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COPE & CONQUER: MARCUS' MEDITATIONS

Marcus Aurelius was a Roman emperor from AD 161 to 180, and a stoic philosopher. He faced challenges during his reign with calm and effectiveness, and he used self-reflection as strategy to facing all challenges. During his life, he wrote a series of private philosophical notes, which were never intended for publication due to their personal and spiritual nature. They were brought to the public's attention in 1558, and ever since the insights found in them are relevant to readers in all societies and times.

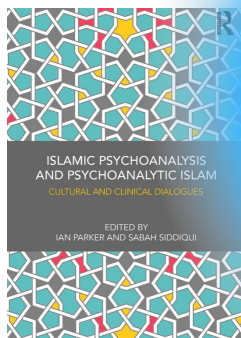
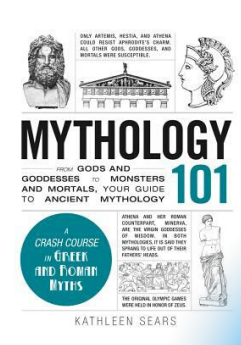
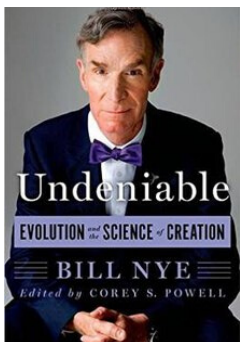
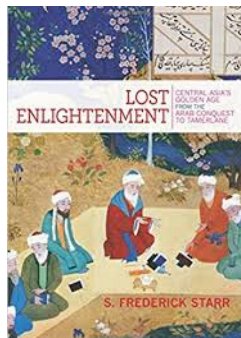
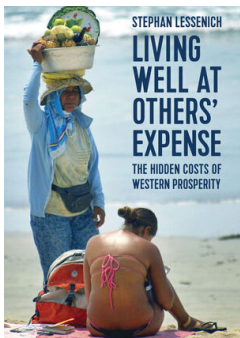
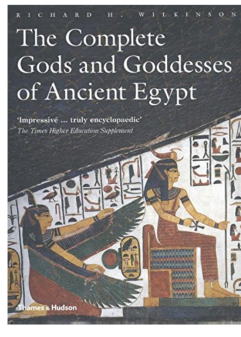
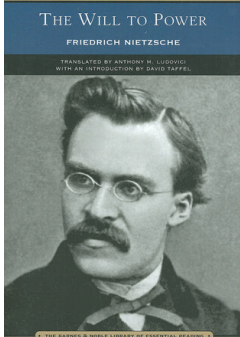
There are four main virtues of Stoicism, which are apparent in Marcus' notes: courage, temperance, justice and wisdom. Marcus wrote, "If, at some point in your life you should come across anything better than justice, truth, self-control, courage—it must be an extraordinary thing indeed." This specific copy available at Derasat Library is translated to English by George Long, and published by Arcturus Publishing in the United Kingdom. The book contains 160 pages, and it is available for borrowing to Derasat members only.

OUR WORLD: STRUCK BY THE PANDEMIC

Published by Brussels News Agency in Belgium, the magazine "Our World" featured an article by Derasat's Chairman, H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, in its May 2020 issue. Titled "A Local Contribution to the Global Pandemic: Bahrain's COVID-19 Response", Dr. Al Khalifa's article describes the measures taken against the spread of the virus by the National Taskforce under the guidance of the Crown Prince of Bahrain, H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Quoting Carl von Clausewitz, Dr. Al Khalifa reminds us that no strategy survives contact with the enemy; and further explains in his article all the protocols of border control and public engagement that were taken when the first confirmed case was recorded in Bahrain. He also mentions the "Be Aware" app, which is used to track active cases as an effective tool of crisis-control.

Lastly, Dr. Al Khalifa refers to the Kingdom of Bahrain as "a microcosm of the international community", that people from different nationalities call home, therefore Bahrain is not alone in its fight against COVID-19, as it shares its clinical data and expertise with other nations around the world.



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We in Bahrain will continue to make our mark in the battle to save lives and overcome COVID-19.

- Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa