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In these conversations with Tariq Ali, recorded in Edward Said's Riverside Drive apartment in New York in June 1994, about a decade before he finally lost his battle with cancer, Said brings his considerable intellect and deep personal engagement to bear on some of the most troubling and volatile issues of our time as he ranges back over his own dislocated existence, his initiation into politics, his involvement with the Palestine cause, his approach to the study of culture and his pervasive love of literature and music. Intimate, personal, thought-provoking and absorbing, these conversations capture Said as political activist, cultural historian, professor of literature and music aficionado -- and confirm his position as one of the most passionate and thoughtful intellects of our time.

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Scott Neigh says

Reviewed here.

Tripmastermonkey says

i love interviews with edward said. i think i like the format of interviews in general (which is why radio should never die), but edward is able to speak on so many topics, and is a true example of why one should never stop learning and be open to new experiences. i think there are limitations to his own introspection, but it's matched by how he sees the world as a beautiful place to explore, though he knew there was so much to fight for.

Kasey Asberry says

Direct accounts are irreplaceable but this book even more than Out of Place tells us who Edward Said was because (as he said) he valued friendship above everything but scholarship and was loyal to people rather than systems of thought.

Tosh says

I took a long bus trip so I can read this book in peace. A remarkable interview conducted by Tariq Ali with the great "thinker" Edward Said. Any person who is a fan of Glen Gould is OK with me. I also like his stance on dandyism as well. The main reason why I wanted to pick this book up is due to get more information regarding Palestine and Israel. I got some of that, but the great thing about Said is that he doesn't speak for others, he speaks his own mind - and his perception I think is basically wise. But overall the book is about a lot of things. Music, literature (he was a huge fan of Conrad and Kipling) and of course the politics. A quick read and very very enjoyable.

Sunny says

I'm a big fan of Edward Said. He has a brilliant way of writing and some of the points he makes are able to push your brain into directions you never thought your brain could go. The book is a short series of conversations that took place between him and Tariq Ali (i'd also read a few of his books in the past and liked him also). This was a very short book and has whetted my appetite for reading orientalism which is his major piece of thinking and work. The book was interesting and covered topics such as Palestine, language, thought, the role of Edward's father in his life, racism and his insights on other books that influenced him and other writers.

One of the best parts of the book was when Said writes: "spontaneity of affiliations rather than filiations are what I really cherish. Friendships, connections, intellectual and spiritual, with people, matter much more to me than things that develop out of my particular identity." Not the internet of things but the "internet of humans". Can you imagine if somehow we were connected in some way as human beings?
