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- 1 This is a contribution to the contemporary discussion on the role and place of civilizations in the world of today. After an etymological survey of the word *Tamadon* in Persian, the author has devoted two other chapters to the theory of the clash of civilizations and the future of the same. Not only the theory of Samuel P. Huntington, but also a number of views in favour of and against this theory are critically discussed here. Although the author criticizes Huntington's approach, from a different point of view he clearly shows that he is in favour of a civilizational approach. He thinks that the world is divided into different civilizations, which at the same time have many things in common. The existence of various civilizations does not necessarily lead to a clash between them; it is a source of enrichment of human culture. Therefore they are even able to develop a peaceful coexistence.
 - 2 The last part of the book deals with the theory and views of Fernand Braudel presented in his famous book called *A History of Civilizations*.
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