**The Reluctant Fundamentalist- Chapter Analysis**

**Chapter II**

Summary: Still in cafè, there is the narration about his meeting with Erica in Greece

Function: To compare, throw the relationship with Erica and the main protagonist the different point of view.

**Chapter I**

Summary: Beginning of conversation between the protagonist and a mysterious American man in a Lahore café

Function: To introduce the story and the first hints of cultural differences between the two characters.

**Chapter IV**

Summary: The protagonist is in New York and meet Erica’s family.

Function: To show the point of view and prejudices of the Americans about his country (Pakistan) and his culture.

**Chapter III**

Summary: Changez tells about is experience in New York 🡪 “I was immediately a New Yorker”, never an American.

Function: To delineate the difference between the mentality of the inhabitants of the big cities and the rest of America

**Chapter VI**

Summary: New York and America are marked with the attack: the aftermath can be seen as well on people. Erica feels even more the lack of Chris.

Function: To highlight how can mark an event of such importance an entire coutry.

**Chapter V**

Summary: Changez goes to Philippines for work. The twin towers of New York ‘s World Trade Centre collapsed and he is unable to leave Manila.

Function: To emphasize how an event can change the judgment and behaviour towards people, in this case the Muslims.

**Chapter VII**

Summary: Changez continues to describe the effect of the 9/11 (Pakistani cab drivers being assaulted, mosques being raided and Muslims disappearing). He focuses on work but he feels the pressure of the situation.

Function: To describe Muslims’ treatment received from the Americans

**Chapter VIII**

Summary: The min character visits Erica and she is in worse shape and her mother tells him ’she doesn’t need a boyfriend’. He is worried and angered by America’s ‘dangerous nostalgia’ and her ‘determination to look *back*’.

Function: To show how the judgment, and especially the behaviour of Americans are able to change the attitude of the protagonist.

**Chapter IX**

Summary: Changez thinks of his family. He tries to get in touch with Erica, but it has taken him awhile to do so. She is at a clinic on the Hudson. The protagonist is angry and worried about everything: the job, America, Erica, Pakistan.

Function: To identify many differences, he had never noticed before, between his culture and the American

**Chapter X**

Summaries: Changez goes to Chile. Meets Juan Bautista the chief of the publishing company they are valuing. Changez can’t concentrate on this job because he is worried about Pakistan. His superior cautions him but Changez can’t focus and in the end he gives up and is sent back, in disgrace, to New York.

Function: To illustrate how the difficult situation and prejudices prevent him from working.

**Chapter XII**

Summary: Changez leaves America and returns to Pakistan. He works as a university lecturer.

Function: To demonstrate how the American judgment forced Changez to assume a new political ideology, social and cultural development.

**Chapter XI**

Summary: On the plane he thinks about America’s foreign policy. Changez visits Erica at clinic but she has disappeared.

Function: To make the reader think about how are changed ideas of America of the main character.