

# *Beware! We're Courting Islam*

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War in Afghanistan and war in Iraq is said to be a war against terrorism; first, it is a punitive measure for acts of terrorism committed against the United States, and secondly, a precautionary movement to prevent the escalation of terrorism in the future. America and a degree of the Western world would declare these actions as a military and a political necessity to effect world order and peace. Regardless of how it started out, it has become and will continue to be “a religious war.” Why? Because Islam is provoked and deems this as a holy war, and this war will not be won through sensitivity and tolerance training, or through political diplomacy. Islam is the religious mind that initiated the terrorist attacks, and continues to promote an anti-Western, anti-Semitic, anti-Christian worldview. The truth to this battle is that through terrorism, we have engaged the hate-filled, destructive, spiritual entity called Allah who seeks world recognition as God. Islam will not back down and will be tolerant in America until it reaches a place of dominance.

Islamic extremists (fanatics) are calling upon all Muslims to take their religion serious and fight off “the great Satan,” i.e., America the invader and occupier, who only seeks to support the “little Satan,” i.e., Israel (U.S. News and World Report, November, 2003). Interestingly, we call them extremists, fanatics, and terrorists, but in reality, these are people who are merely taking their religion serious and acting upon their beliefs with zeal. We call the al Qaeda rebels and terrorists, but these people are acting upon their religious convictions and taking Islamic law to be the core of their existence, and are zealous to live or die for their heavenly reward. One who takes Islam serious and accepts the teachings for his life, and stands firm in that faith, will have to live as Islamic law demands. To live less than this is to be a compromiser, to be deemed weak in faith.

The Hagerstown Herald Newspaper printed an AP news item stating that Afghanistan has unveiled the new draft Constitution and that Afghanistan will be an “Islamic Republic.” The article reports that the new political structure is being established. The article reports: “The draft reflects the government’s desire to bring the country together under the banner of Islam, which is practiced by the vast majority of Afghans. However, the hard-line Islamic law enforced by the Taliban regime is not expected to be part of Afghanistan’s future. . . . The religion of Afghanistan is the sacred religion of Islam. Followers of other religions are free to perform their religious ceremonies within the limits of the provisions of law.”

Interestingly, the article also reports that “While avoiding direct mention of Shariah, Islamic holy law, the draft states that ‘in Afghanistan, no law can be contrary to the sacred religion of Islam and the values of this constitution’. . . . The draft allows political parties to be established as long as their charters ‘do not contradict the principles of Islam.’” Within the confines of the draft rests the seeds of war! This war is religious and will continue to be so and there will be no

peace with this movement until all recognize and accept Allah as God and Mohammed his prophet, and Islam as the only “acceptable means of serving him.” Why? Because Islam at core is not a peaceful religion!

For Islam in Southeast Asia, Steve Raymer writes, “Islam is transforming the culture and institutions of modern Southeast Asia, sometimes buttressing them against the advance of global capitalism and Western popular culture, at other times accommodating notions of democracy and universal human rights. In the end, Southeast Asian Muslims, like Muslims worldwide, face competing interpretations of Islam, whose history and teachings often speak of bygone glory and empires lost. No one can predict how many Muslims will rally behind ideologues who cry, “Islam is the Answer!” a slogan that suggests a clash of the West and Islam (Living faith, Inside the Muslim world of Southeast Asia).

Considering Islam, when one takes it to its fullest extent, we will end up with war. We will see the “convert or die” philosophy. We will witness suicide bombings and women will be reduced to inferior beings. We will live under religious laws that will govern, not influence, every aspect of life. We will see that tolerance toward other religions is not be tolerated. On November 2, 2003, our local newspaper, The Herald Newspaper, printed an editorial from a local Muslim, who writes, “Brothers and Sisters in Islam with the Zionist-Crusader invasion of our sacred homelands, we must choose where we stand. Are we Muslim or Kafir? ...We must not recognize any authority at all besides Allah.” He further writes, “For those of us in America we must strive in the way of God, to change this land of Kufir, to a land of Iman, God willing. ... We must increase dawa until Sharia becomes the law of the land.” “It is the duty incumbent on every Muslim to struggle towards the aim of making every people Muslim, and the whole world Islamic, so that the banner of Islam can flutter over the earth.”... “I urge brothers and sisters to stand fast until victory.”

This is a local man in the small city of Hagerstown, Maryland, but this is going on everywhere; and the greatest danger and most perplexing aspect is that we in America are entertaining this worldview under the banner of tolerance and freedom of religion. Our government officials are catering to its whims, courting its favor, and inviting its influence. Currently, the Islamic movement will accept any ground anywhere it is provided, while it sharpens its teeth for further dominance. The greatest terrorism to America today are not the acts of violence, but the Islamic religious fervor seeking to steal man’s mind, to gain dominance at every level—business, political, and social, and to capture our rich religious history as its own. Beware America, we are courting Islam to gain support from countries that hate us. U.S. Army General, William “Jerry” Boykin got it right when he said, “radical Muslims hate the U.S. (TIME, Nov. 3, 2003).” However, I want to add that radical Muslims are only taking their doctrine to the extent that it brings them; they are living out its message.

Since we are at war with terrorism and terrorism is coming mainly from Islamic states, America has taken the approach to court Islam to win support of Islamic countries. This is death at the door waiting to be opened, and the key is being turned to let it in. President Bush has regularly stated that “Islam is a peaceful religion,” and that it has been hijacked by extremists. No! These are people who are taking Islam serious and are living out fully its core teachings. It

has not been hijacked; its true colors are flying high for all to see. During President Bush's recent speech in D.C., he said, "We welcome Muslims to our country." "Islam is a great religion." Now I would agree that Islam could be called a great religion in the sense that it has been around for 1500 years and has spread to a world-wide populace. However, great does not mean good, and if it is not good, then it cannot be called great. Islam taken serious does not promote or produce anything or anyone "good."

America beware, as a nation saturated with references to God as our Founder, Sustainer, and our Trust, we are a prime take-over target for Islamic extremists. Imagine atheists and secularists not achieving the desired end to remove all traces of God's influence upon our country, but instead we find ourselves giving way to the Islamic religion, which uses our Christian documents and foundational references to God as its own, and launches the U.S. as an Islamic country. Farfetched, think again! On C-Span last week, a protest against the war in Iraq took place in D.C., and many speakers said much including a protester from the "Queers for Peace and Justice" group. (What are we doing?) One young, female student came to the microphone, garbed in Islamic attire, saying quite boldly that we Americans were founded as a nation upon God and we must be continue to call upon God and trust God for we are one nation under God. I could not believe my ears! The very references taught in our schools for decades, the very foundational documents used to establish our nation, our motto of, "In God we trust" and "one nation under God!" The A.C.L.U. would not have a leg to stand on if it tried to move against an Islamic state. America is a prime take-over target for Islam, and the more we recede from Christ, the easier it will be.

When a nation accepts Islam with seriousness, then we'll see what we're witnessing in al Qaeda. The more zealous for Allah, the more militant his followers will be. In America, we'll see "One nation under Allah," if we keep doing what we're doing. People will have to convert or die, Christians will be persecuted as they now are in Islamic nations that take their religion serious; and what of the Jew in our nation, and what of the women who are fighting for "equal rights?" Beware! Keep your eyes open to all the things that are being said in favor, or in the name of toleration, that is giving Islam a greater foothold as each day passes. More businesses every day are run by people who serve Allah; compromises are being made regularly and at all levels, especially socially and even judicially, to cater to Islamic demands and needs. More editorials are being written in favor of Islam, explaining Islam, and teaching Islam. Prisoners are flocking to it, coming out of the system and finding identity in Islam. The black populace is sought in America courting them to find their identity and strength and value in the arms of Allah.

Beware America, in our current society Islam will be tolerant and will be understanding, and will be peaceful, loving; just regular citizens trying to live the American dream, but when true Islam forces gain control of business, social, political, and militaristic positions, then its truest colors will be seen. We are always one vote away from this turn of events.

President Bush said that he was asked by Islamic leaders, "Why do Americans think Muslims are terrorists?" Bush said that we don't, we know this great religion has been hijacked. Evidently, President Bush does not know and does not see the danger. If we continue to

capitulate, we will become much like the fragmented, tormented nations that courted Islam in time pass and are now living under that rule and reign.

Islam is a religion of law, whereas Christianity is a relationship of love, because it is founded on the resurrected Christ who came and died for humanity, who came to seek and to save the lost, to rise to His proper place of Almighty, and to come again to judge the living and the dead. There is only one God and all humanity may know Him by simply calling upon His name, "Jesus." Jesus is the revelation of God to man—He is our Savior, and His very name reveals His intent, Salvation. He saves us from death and offers eternal life to all. Islam is a devilish attempt to pervert the revelation of God. Beware! For the enemy called Satan—the Adversary, roams this world seeking whom he may devour. Only Christ Jesus is the answer to mankind's dilemma to death, disease, and the devil! Why? Because He alone is God Almighty.

Christianity promotes people everywhere to take their beliefs, their convictions, serious and to live out Christ fully and wholly, and to "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness." To take Christ to the fullest extent with absolute zeal, with deep seated conviction, with relentless passion, and with pure resolve, leads one to a life of loving God and one's neighbor as themselves, to be givers and not takers, to prefer and honor others before yourself, to forgive and hold no grudge, no offense, no bitterness, knowing we too have been forgiven. When one takes Christ serious, and learns of Him, and lives out His life, much good results. Many could look to Mother Theresa as an example who lived out her faith as Christ would have her too. Others could look to the 16th Century Reformer Martin Luther, another extremist, a fanatic, a person of conviction living out his faith. When one takes Christianity serious and lives out its teachings with zeal and conviction, then we see love for God and love for man surface, we see humility arise; we see integrity and honesty. When one perverts the life of Christ, either through ignorance or mere love for the things of this present world, we end up with Inquisitions, Crusades, and just plain hypocrisy. We've all seen it and it's quickly despised. Any true "Christ revival" that has swept a people, including America, has always produced and promoted a better society. Crime rates drop, husbands stay home, and businesses become honest. Why? Because people become Christ-like! They take the presence of God serious and live for Him because they seek to exemplify His character.

May the Lord grant all wisdom and grace to receive this message and live out its purpose!