

Paris under siege: More than 150 dead in terror attacks

Terrorists killed at least 153 people and wounded scores of other innocents in coordinated shooting and suicide-bomb attacks in Paris late Friday that included a mass execution at a rock concert, authorities said.

The carnage began at about 10 p.m. Paris time, with one group of jihadis targeting venues packed with people in a night-life district and another attacking near a soccer stadium where President Francois Hollande was watching a match with Germany, French police said.

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Nigeria military says closing in on Boko Haram militants

Lagos (AFP) – The Nigerian army said Sunday it was closing in on Islamist Boko Haram militants and warned them of serious consequences should they fail to “surrender”.

“They should follow their colleagues who have so far surrendered. Failure to surrender will result in serious consequences as our troops are fast closing up on them,” army spokesman Colonel Sani Usman said in a statement.

“We wish to inform them that we are aware of all their hideouts, camps and enclaves,” said the statement sent to AFP.

The military has claimed that more than 200 members of the

militant group surrendered September 25 when troops regained control of the northeastern town of Banki, a launching point for attacks into Cameroon.

There was no independent verification of the military's statement.

Boko Haram has denied its members surrendered and that 241 women and children were rescued when troops cleared what the military said were "terrorist camps" near Banki.

The statement on Sunday appealed to all Nigerians to persuade them to desist and renounce their membership of the group.

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari has set his military commanders a three-month deadline to early November to end Boko Haram violence, which has left at least 17,000 dead since 2009, mostly in the three affected states in the northeast: Borno, Adamawa and Yob.

The military has claimed a series of successes against Boko Haram recently, including the rescue of the 241 women and children.

But the group struck again this weekend, with 41 people killed on Saturday and 48 were wounded in triple explosions in a Chadian city on the shores of Lake Chad, blamed on Boko Haram, the government in N'Djamena said Sunday.

Lake Chad is bordered by Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon and Chad. Boko Haram has continued to attack in these neighbouring countries.

In another statement, the military said that security agencies were working to secure the release of school girls kidnapped in Chibok on April 14 last year and other citizens held hostage by the Islamists.

"The search for abducted Chibok school girls and the rescue of other Nigerians in hostage has never relapsed...," military

spokesman Colonel Rabe Abubakar said in the statement.

“The military has and will continue to sustain the operation until the entire northeast is cleared of all terrorists and miscreants,” it added.

The abduction of more than 200 school girls from their dormitory triggered international uproar and condemnation.

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IS SHARIA ISLAMIC LAW COMPATIBLE WITH THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION?

By Abdullah Al Araby

Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson courageously stated that he could not support the election of a practicing Muslim to the presidency of the United States. The reason was that he doesn't think Islam is consistent with the American Constitution. Is Mr. Carson justified in his statement? Let's examine the facts.

Islam is more than a religion; it is an all-encompassing way of life with regulations for every facet of life. The life governing rules are embodied in what is known as Sharia Law. These laws are based upon the Quran, the Hadith (Mohammed's sayings,) and the Sira (Mohammed's biography). How does Sharia Law compare to the American Constitution that outlines the

values and institutions that we hold dear?

First: Liberty

The United States was built on the Bill of Rights, established by the founding fathers that came here to escape religious oppression. The Constitution gives citizens the right to express themselves as they please. We are free to criticize any governing elected official or policy; and are free to worship any way that we choose and to speak our minds about our own religion or that of others. Americans can act anyway that they deem appropriate as long as we don't violate the rights of others.

What would happen to this freedom in an Islamic state? Would the citizens be granted the right to choose the religion they want, or would they be forced to accept Islam according to the Quranic verse: ***"If any one desires a religion other than Islam, never will it be accepted of him, and in the hereafter he will be in the ranks of those who have lost."*** (Qur'an 3:85). How about the right of a Muslim to change to another religion? Is that a non-controversial matter as it is in our Bill of Rights? Or, would it mean that whoever changed from Islam would be charged with apostasy which is punishable by death? Mohammad said ***"Whoever changes his religion, kill him."*** Hadith Al Bukhari Vol. 9:57.

Second: Democracy

The USA's system of government gives citizens the right of self-rule through duly elected officials of their choice. These representatives write the laws that best concur with the wishes of the people to maintain their way of life. We are to even have a say in what amount of taxes we are to pay and how the funds are to be spent.

One important principle in this great system is the separation of church and state. Islam, however, is actually a political-religious system. It's built on an opposing concept, for

“Islam is a religion and a state.” According to Islam, Sharia law is the principal sources of legislation: ***“We have sent down to thee the book in truth, that you might judge men as guided by God.”*** (Qur’an 4:105). If Sharia is the basis for law, what are some of the rules and regulations that might be eventually imposed under a Muslim president? Here are just a few examples:

- Stealing: punished by hand amputation (Qur’an 5:38)
- Adultery: punished by public flogging (Qur’an 24:2)
- Drinking: punished by 40 or 80 lashes (Al Bukhari 8:770)
- Resisting Islam: punished by death, crucifixion or the cutting off of the hands and feet (Qur’an 5:33)

- Blasphemy against Allah punishable by death (Qur’an 5:33-34)
- Blasphemy against the Prophet Mohammad: Death – even if the accuser repents (Qur’an 33:57)
- “Sodomy (homosexuality): Death for the person committing the act, as well as for the one receiving it. (Qur’an 4:15-16 and Sunan Abu Dawood 38:4447)

Third: Equality

Under our system in the United States, there is not to be any discrimination among citizens based on gender, race, color, or religion. **Would Islam treat men and women equally?**

- It teaches that men are superior to women (Qur’an 2:228)
- It gives male heirs double portions of inheritance as that given female heirs. (Qur’an” 4:11)
- When testifying in court a man’s witness has the twice the value of a woman’s. (Qur’an 2:282)

Would Islam treat non-Muslims fairly?

- The Quran warns Muslims not to befriend Jews or Christians? (Qur’an 9:30)
- The Quran imposes “Jizya” (tribute tax) on Christians

and Jews. They pay the extra Jizya tax just for the right of existence in Islamic culture (Qur'an 9:29)

- Mohammad says that a Muslim cannot be legally executed for killing a non-Muslim. " Al Bukhari Vol. 9:50

My fellow Americans

The threat of Islam is real. Muslims are taught from youth to give first allegiance to the religion of Islam above any non-Muslim nation. In essence, for most any fundamentalist Muslim, citizenship in the USA is apt to be merely a stepping stone to see Sharia Law established as the law of the land. To elect a Muslim President of the USA, carries great risks.

Get this message around. Keep America free, for all to enjoy.

Muslim Guilt Trip Trojan Horse

By Jim Croft

Marty Skinner asks: Syria has had a civil war for almost 5 YEARS. Why all the "refugees "NOW and why so all of a SUDDEN and why in such VAST NUMBERS?

With an Honors degree in History and a lifelong student of the subject, I smell a rat. This is a highly organized, well oiled, mobilized invasion of Muslims and Jihadists into the Western World. It's been in their plan for a long time. Momar Gadhafi predicted and explicitly stated that Muslim domination of Europe would happen without a conventional war and he said it 30 years ago. 95% of these economic "refugees" many who

have cellphones are men between the fighting ages of 20 and 40. Very few women and children from everything I've seen.

Odd that the 5 wealthiest Arab States including Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain and Kuwait are taking "no refugees" thanks and feel quite self righteous about it. No guilt what so ever? They are even laughing at us for doing so.

Ask yourself, why would Germany Belgium, Holland, France, Sweden and others want to destroy their own cultures from within? It doesn't make any sense? If this keeps up Europe will be burning daily within a very short few years if not months. Civil war in the streets between civilizations. Muslims vs Kefirs, that is to say, everyone who is not a Muslim.

Unfortunately, the reality is that Muslims are just not like any other immigrants. They don't want to assimilate, they want to set up separate enclaves and implement Sharia Law. Another problem is that while the civilized West rightly abhors violence, conversely Muslims daily display their love of violence. They live it and embrace it. In many Muslim countries public beheadings and stoning to death for adultery for example. It's a part of their culture precisely because Islam is, dare I say it, a death cult.

Islam is a supremacist, totalitarian, bigoted, fascist political ideology masquerading as a religion. It literally means "submission". The Quran MANDATES death for blasphemy, for adultery, for apostasy, for family honor, for being gay, Jewish or a Kafer as well as ten other "crimes" many not even considered to be so in the West. Death for drinking alcohol or taking illegal drugs for example. Why let in vast numbers of these brainwashed people especially men of that age when past experience has already demonstrated the tragedy, not to mention the financial, social, and political costs of rampant multiculturalism in Europe. Ordinary citizens are against this immigration but strangely, their governments are not?

Someone or some organization is pulling some strings here is what I see. Is this invasion part of the New World Order's plan to depopulate the planet? Maybe there's not even any such an organization but it's all over U-tube and other social media. The major media are implicit in selling gullible citizens of the West the righteousness of the "refugees" cause and openly siding against Western culture.

One drowned child's picture in the right places sparks outrage and sympathy world wide for the movement and resettlement of vast numbers of Muslims. However the implementation of Sharia Law, No Go Zone ghettos in most countries in Europe and Muslim rape gangs go unreported. In radical Islamist countries honor killings, beheadings, stoning's, cutting off limbs, whipping and torture, pedophilia, child bride marriages, rape and misogyny go unreported DAILY and are dismissed as culturally ingrained.

Where is the indignity and the outrage over people doing this every day to their own populations? Yet a staged picture a drowned baby on a beach sparks a world outcry? Muslim birthrates are 8 children per family while Europeans average 1.4. When these current millions bring in their multiple wives, children and extended families 85% of whom live on state benefits (England's experience) you can multiply their number by at least 10x, maybe 20x or even more.

By 2050 Europe will be Muslim dominated just by demographics alone. When their numbers are sufficient they will legally vote in their own kind and then Sharia Law. Europe as we know it will be lost forever. Two thousand years of civilization will be destroyed by the same fanatical bearded, bigoted, brutal, boneheaded, belligerent bastards who are now slaughtering their own kind and blowing up ancient and irreplaceable world heritage buildings, monuments, books, manuscripts and other historically significant art treasures in Iraq, Syria and other conquered territories.

Canada (America) should not get sucked into this quagmire of political correctness just to show how polite, civilized, politically correct and Canadian we are. We should learn a lesson from our Australian counterparts.

Ben Carson: Muslim Unfit to Be President Because Islam Is Inconsistent With Constitution

Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson says he would not support a Muslim to become president of the United States. In fact, he believes a Muslim would not be fit to be president, because he doesn't think Islam is consistent with the country's Constitution. "I would not advocate that we put a Muslim in charge of this nation. I absolutely would not agree with that," Carson said on [NBC's Meet the Press](#).

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To Kill an American

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You probably missed it in the rush of news recently, but there was a report that a Pakistani newspaper had published someone's offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American.

So I just thought I would write to let them know what an American is, so they will know when they find one.

An American is English...or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan.

An American is Christian, or Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as they choose.

An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for God or the government.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God-given right of each man and woman to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped friend and foe in their time of need. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country. As of the morning of September 11, Americans were giving more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

An American does not have to obey the mad ravings of ignorant, ungodly, cruel, old men. American men will not be fooled into

giving their lives to kill innocent people, so that foolish old men may stay in power. American women are free to show their beautiful faces to the world or not, as they choose.

An American is free to criticize his government's officials when they are wrong. Then he is free to replace them, by majority vote.

Americans welcome people from all lands, all cultures, all religions, because they are not afraid. They are not afraid that their history, their religion, their beliefs, will be overrun, or forgotten. That is because they know that in this country they will always be free to embrace their religion, their beliefs, their history, as they choose.

And just as Americans welcome all, they enjoy the best that everyone has to bring from all over the world. The best science, the best technology, the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes.

Americans welcome the best, but they also welcome the least. The national symbol of America welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, the tempest tossed.

These in fact are the people who built America. Many of them were working in the twin towers in New York on the morning of September 11, trying to provide a better life for their families.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo and Stalin and Mao Tse-Tung.

But in doing so you will just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

So look around you. You will find more Americans in your land

than you thought were there. And you can expect that one day they will rise up and overthrow the old, ignorant, tired tyrants that have troubled too many lands. Then those lands too will join the community of free and prosperous nations.

And America will welcome them.

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Islam is a religion of WHAT?

By Jackie Mason & Raoul Felder

Standing on Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn, on the afternoon of September 11, 2001, looking west to Manhattan, the fires had turned the horizon a bright orange that rose to great heights painted against a perfect pitiless blue sky.

Observing this terrible beauty, the residents of the neighborhood danced in the streets, laughing, shouting to each other, shaking hands. These people were not what one would suppose to be fanatical or militant Muslims. They were people who had come to these shores from the Middle East, mostly shop keepers, bakers, purveyors of eastern spices, tradesmen, cab drivers and the usual diversity of people found in a New York

ethnic neighborhood on a warm fall weekday. They were American citizens however, who were expressing their judgment – joy at the events of that horrible day that forever changed our world and America's place in that world. They were also the followers of Islam: religion of oppression, discrimination, violence, terror, war, superstition, intolerance and prejudice. They were the followers of a religion of hate who, at the very least, if not active participants in the events of that world-changing day, took unashamed pleasure in the violence visited upon those – including their fellow citizens and neighbors – who did not share their beliefs.

The President has said about Islam: ...Islam inspires countless individuals to lead lives of honesty, integrity and morality (12/5/02). A...It's [Islam] a faith based on love, not hate. (9/10/02) "The Islam that we know...teaches the value and the importance of charity, mercy and peace. (11/15/01).

Well, he is the President, and like Tony Blair, probably has to say these sorts of politically-correct things in the belief that they are necessary to be said, because to declare the truth would create a threat to the maintenance of order or, it might provoke an outraged citizenry to retaliate in a vengeful and illegal way, jeopardizing domestic tranquility. We have no such impediment and trust that the truth can only serve to enlighten and not to incite.

Islam exists as it is taught in the Koran and lived by Muhammad. Muhammad, by the way, was hardly an example that one would wish to emulate. He had affairs with maids and slave girls and was also a pedophile (and before we get outraged e-mails on the latter point, here is chapter and verse: the girl's name was Aisha, she was 9 he was 53. He was also involved in the slave trade, assassinations and genocide. But, what the heck, nobody is perfect.)

Let's, as the sportscasters say, go to the record, which, in this case is the Koran.

- Kill the disbelievers wherever we find them. (2:191)
- Fight and slay the pagans (translation: that's us) seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem. (9:5)
- Slay or crucify or cut the hands and feet of the unbelievers...(5:34)
- ...strike off the heads of the disbelievers...[make a] wide slaughter among them, carefully tie up the remaining captives [for ransom] (947:4)
- [treatment of disbelievers]...garments of fire shall be cut and there shall be poured over their heads boiling water whereby whatever is in their bowels and skin shall be dissolved and they will be punished with hooked iron rods (22:19).
- The Koran also instructs Muslims to slay or crucify or cut the hands and the feet of the unbelievers (5:34), fight unbelievers until no other religion except Islam remains. (3:85)

Given these basic teachings of Islam there is little reason to be surprised at the beheading of Americans Nick Berg and Paul Johnson .

Of course, not all Muslims participate in violence or even express joy at the perpetration of violence against the West in general, or Americans in particular, just as all Germans in the forties did not believe when they heard their anthem, Deutschland uber alles, that it meant literally that Germany must conquer all other nations. Some Germans embraced a passive longing for Germany to be victorious; some few actually despised fascism, and some, an almost non-existent few acted against it. So it is with Islam and the Muslims. About the best the civilized world can expect is a joyous but passive reaction to the mindless violence.

Empires have come and gone. Rome, Portugal, France, Holland, Germany and even in our time, Great Britain, have seen their moment of world dominance – have seen it flicker, and then, extinguish. And yet, they accepted it as part of the panorama of history, and have moved on. Not so with Islam.

It is not by accident that our enemies call the coalition forces in Iraq the Crusaders. To Islam the war, which they lost centuries ago, continues.

[It is of interest to note that the United States went to war with Muslim powers in 1801. Barbary pirates kidnapped and made slaves of our citizens, demanding tribute for their release. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson asked of the envoy of Tripoli by what right did he make his claim for payment. As reported to Congress by Jefferson, "The Ambassador answered us that it was founded on the Laws of their Prophet, that it was written in their Koran, that all nations who should not have acknowledged their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found and to make slaves of all they could take as Prisoners."
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The enemy is not really the United States, nor even Israel. The enemy is modernity itself and the forces of change that have made them irrelevant. The West has persevered and they have lost. They are the have-nots, and to the degree that they have the economic power of oil, even this has been denied to them as a society by the corruption of their own despotic rulers. They are the past in a present and future that belongs to the West. There is a chord that joins them with other losers like Lee Harvey Oswald and Lee Boyd Malvo, devoid of any distinction or ability to even control their own lives, who strike out in spasms of hate-filled rage.

Muslims, married to a failed past, offer little hope for integration into modern society. Israel giving them land to which they are not entitled, or the United States not

punishing them for criminal acts will not assuage their rage. America must learn it cannot negotiate or reason with people who consider us infidels. It must recognize that the enemy is often among us and all the exposure available to them in Western civilization with its tolerances and respect for individual rights will not affect their seething anger at imagined wrongs, injustices, and illogical sense of entitlement.

Historically, use of strength, swift and certain punishment, and resolve of purpose are all that is left us to effectively deal with their primitive madness. And until we recognize this, there will be many more beheadings and September elevenths.

CULTURE OF HATE

By AMIR TAHERI

June 22, 2004 – HOURS after Paul Johnson's decapitated body was shown Friday in Riyadh, Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef bin Abdul-Aziz announced that government forces had killed the man responsible for the murder, Abdul-Aziz al-Mouqrin, and two of his accomplices.

"This crime was committed by a handful of deviants," the prince said. A few deviants? Hardly.

The tragedy that struck Johnson is the product of a culture of hatred, arrogance and cruelty built over decades by the Saudi society.

To be sure, this does not mean that all Saudis think or would,

if given the opportunity, behave as the killers did. But there is no escaping the fact that they do bear part of the responsibility, if only by providing the socio-cultural topoi in which terrorism thrives.

Until recently, Saudi textbooks taught schoolchildren to regard non-Muslims as sub-humans who did not deserve the same respect due to "true believers," that is to say the followers of the officially approved Hanbali brand of Islam.

For decades, Saudi society has been obsessed with what could only be described as religious exhibitionism.

The nouveaux riches have tried to secure a place in the next world by building mosques, some 4,000 in Riyadh alone, and by contributing to so-called "Islamic causes."

What can only be described as a "religion industry" employs more muftis, preachers, teachers, enforcers, muezzins and theologians than the oil industry that produces 80 percent of the nation's income. Saudi universities churn out more "religious scholars" each year than doctors and engineers.

The state has spent an estimated \$100 billion on "Islamic" causes since the mid '70s. No doubt part of the money went to humanitarian causes and the financing of development projects in the poorer Muslim countries. But there is also no doubt that vast sums of money were funneled to radical organizations that believe they have a mission to conquer the world for Islam through terrorism and war.

Today, the Saudi authorities insist that no more government money is going to terrorist groups. This may be true. After all, the Saudi rulers now realize that the ultimate aim of the monster they helped create is to devour them. But what about wealthy Saudi individuals who, either to buy personal protection or because they wish the ruling family to be overthrown, continue to fund the terrorists?

The problem goes beyond textbooks and ready money for terror. The average Saudi citizen is subjected to systematic Islamist brainwashing.

Let us just cite one example, immediately relevant to Johnson's murder.

The group that beheaded Johnson calls itself "The Fallujah Brigade," named after the Iraqi city which was the scene of a brief insurgency a few weeks ago.

The Arab media, especially the satellite TV channels, presented the Fallujah insurgency as "one of the greatest battles the Arabs have ever waged against the Crusaders," as an editorial in the daily Al-Arab claimed.

The fact that the Arabs had hardly played a role in the historic Crusades (which were largely fought by Turks, Kurds and the Mamelukes) did not prevent the propagandists from exaggerating the "Epic of Fallujah" far beyond an understandable degree of hype.

Dominated by pan-Arabists and Islamists, the Arab media claimed that the United States had deployed "all its military might" to conquer Fallujah and had failed. The "heroes of Fallujah" fought like lions and, supported by non-combatants, including women and children (who died in thousands), succeeded in winning "a spectacular victory," thus "saving Arab honor."

More than a dozen Arab poets have already committed odes and sonnets to commemorate Fallujah as "the Arab Stalingrad." One Syrian composer is working on an opera about "the heroes of Fallujah," while a couple of Egyptian hacks are breaking their typewriters to produce scripts for a film and a TV series on this latest of imaginary Arab victories.

The phrase "the Fallujah butchery" has been hammered into the Arab consciousness to justify an almost pathological hatred of

the United States as a power responsible for “many thousands of civilian deaths.”

The beheading of Paul Johnson, therefore, is presented as an act of revenge for deaths that, in fact, never happened.

What is interesting is that the satellite channels that peddled those lies are all owned by Arab governments (including the Saudi one) or individuals related to the ruling families.

The average Arab, including the average Saudi, was never allowed to know what actually happened in Fallujah. The few who tried to offer an accurate account were relieved of their positions or denied a chance to offer their take.

One account that never found an echo in the Arab satellite TV was provided by the Red Crescent (the equivalent of the Red Cross) of the United Arab Emirates whose representatives were present in Fallujah (where the group has a hospital) throughout the insurgency.

Here is part of the UAE Red Crescent’s version as related by Muhammad Salim al-Harhi from Abu Dhabi:

“The Arab media have wildly exaggerated what happened at Fallujah. The fighting concerned only a few districts [of the town]. There never was any fighting on a big scale. There certainly was no clash involving thousands of the town’s inhabitants. The number of those who died did not exceed 270, almost all fighters, not civilians. The resistance (i.e. the insurgency) was made up of former [Iraqi army] officers with a small number of [non-Iraq] Arabs representing Salafist [i.e. radical Islamist] groups.”

Why would the Arab states allow their media to build a deadly myth to foment hatred and incite violence? They hope that by diverting hatred from themselves to the United States, they might escape being targeted by the terrorists.

That, of course, is a forlorn hope. Those who beheaded Johnson would, when the time comes, also behead the Arab ruling elites, including those who've turned the Arab media into a myth-making machine.

Paul Johnson was killed by lies spread by Arab elites. He was killed by those who wrote those textbooks and those who taught them for decades.

He was killed by the sheiks who finance Arab television, and by the anchormen and women who, with tones of false emotion in their voices, told all those lies about Fallujah – just as they have been telling lies about other conflicts involving the Arabs for decades.

He was killed by the over 1,500 Arab lawyers who have volunteered to defend Saddam Hussein but were nowhere to be seen when he was engaged in genocide against the Iraqi people.

Johnson was killed by the wealthy Arabs who continue to finance the terror organizations.

To say that killing Johnson was wrong would mean accepting that he, though not a Muslim, was a full human being with an equal right to live. And that is the huge historic, indeed doctrinal, leap that Islam must take before it can contain and defeat the terrorists who are trying to change it beyond recognition.

The U.S. ambassador in Riyadh, James Oberwetter, has called on the Saudi government to “bring Paul Johnson’s murderers to account.” The ambassador may not know it, but his demand involves a whole culture and millions of its human products, who must be brought to account if they are to be ultimately rescued from the inferno of lies, hatred and terror that is wrecking their lives as well.

This makes me proud to be an American!

Remember the guy who got on a plane with a bomb built into his shoe and tried to light it? Did you know his trial is over? Did you know he was sentenced? Everyone should hear what the judge had to say.

Ruling by Judge William Young U.S. District Court

Prior to sentencing, the Judge asked the defendant if he had anything to say. His response: After admitting his guilt to the court for the record, Reid also admitted his "allegiance to Osama bin Laden, to Islam, and to the religion of Allah" defiantly stated, "I think I ought not apologize for my actions" and told the court, "I am at war with your country."

Judge Young then delivered the statement quoted below, a stinging condemnation of Reid in particular and terrorists in general.

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January 30, 2003, United States vs. Reid.

Judge Young:

"Mr. Richard C. Reid, hearken now to the sentence the Court

imposes upon you. On counts 1, 5 and 6 the Court sentences you to life in prison in the custody of the United States Attorney General. On counts 2, 3, 4 and 7, the Court sentences you to 20 years in prison on each count, the sentence on each count to run consecutive with the other. That's 80 years. On count 8 the Court sentences you to the mandatory 30 years consecutive to the 80 years just imposed. The Court imposes upon you each of the eight counts a fine of \$250,000 for the aggregate fine of \$2 million. The Court accepts the government's recommendation with respect to restitution and orders restitution in the amount of \$298.17 to Andre Bousquet and \$5,784 to American Airlines. The Court imposes upon you the \$800 special assessment.

The Court imposes upon you five years supervised release simply because the law requires it. But the life sentences are real life sentences so I need go no further. This is the sentence that is provided for by our statutes. It is a fair and just sentence. It is a righteous sentence.

Let me explain this to you. We are not afraid of you or any of your terrorist co-conspirators, Mr. Reid. We are Americans. We have been through the fire before. There is all too much war talk here. And I say that to everyone with the utmost respect. Here in this court, where we deal with individuals as individuals, and care for individuals as individuals.

As human beings, we reach out for justice. You are not an enemy combatant. You are a terrorist. You are not a soldier in any war. You are a terrorist. To give you that reference, to call you a soldier, gives you far too much stature. Whether it is the officers of government who do it or your attorney who does it, or that happens to be your view, you are a terrorist. And we do not negotiate with terrorists. We do not treat with terrorists. We do not sign documents with terrorists. We hunt them down one by one and bring them to justice.

So war talk is way out of line in this court. You are a big

fellow. But you are not that big. You're no warrior. I know warriors. You are a terrorist. A species of criminal guilty of multiple attempted murders. In a very real sense, State Trooper Santiago had it right when you first were taken off that plane and into custody and you wondered where the press and where the TV crews were, and he said you're no big deal. You're no big deal.

What your counsel, what your able counsel and what the equally able United States Attorneys have grappled with and what I have as honestly as I know how tried to grapple with, is why you did something so horrific. What was it that led you here to this courtroom today? I have listened respectfully to what you have to say. And I ask you to search your heart and ask yourself what sort of unfathomable hate led you to do what you are guilty and admit you are guilty of doing. And I have an answer for you. It may not satisfy you. But as I search this entire record, it comes as close to understanding as I know. It seems to me you hate the one thing that is most precious. You hate our freedom. Our individual freedom. Our individual freedom to live as we choose, to come and go as we choose, to believe or not believe as we individually choose.

Here, in this society, the very winds carry freedom. They carry it everywhere from sea to shining sea. It is because we prize individual freedom so much that you are here in this beautiful courtroom. So that everyone can see, truly see that justice is administered fairly, individually, and discretely. It is for freedom's sake that your lawyers are striving so vigorously on your behalf and have filed appeals, will go on in their representation of you before other judges. We are about it. Because we all know that the way we treat you, Mr. Reid, is the measure of our own liberties.

Make no mistake though. It is yet true that we will bare any burden, pay any price, to preserve our freedoms. Look around this courtroom. Mark it well. The world is not going to long remember what you or I say here. Day after tomorrow it will be

forgotten. But this, however, will long endure.

Here in this courtroom and courtrooms all across America, the American people will gather to see that justice, individual justice, justice, not war, individual justice is in fact being done.

The very President of the United States, through his officers, will have to come into courtrooms and lay out evidence on which specific matters can be judged, and juries of citizens will gather to sit and judge that evidence democratically, to mold and shape and refine our sense of justice

See that flag, Mr. Reid?

That's the flag of the United States of America. That flag will fly there long after this is all forgotten. That flag stands for freedom. You know it always will.

Custody Officer. Stand him down."

So, how much of this Judge's comments did we hear on our TV sets? We need more judges like Judge Young, but that's another subject.

[Why are you here in America?](#)

By Steve Klein

Part I

Why oh why do all oppressed people of the world flee to America?

America is a strange land, isn't it? Don't you feel like a stranger in a strange land? I guess like Abraham and Sarah or Mary, Joseph and Jesus going to Egypt. I believe God sent them to Egypt and in His providential will, He has sent you, Middle East Christians, here in America to educate us about Islam.

I thank God you that you are here. This is a very strange country – listening to our “intellectuals” tell us this is an evil land you fled to. They tell us we are a land of diversity. They tell us Islam is another glimmering facet of our rich diversity. They tell us that Islam makes us more diverse. They tell us there is strength in diversity. This is a strange idea; it is not the idea that drew you here.

The idea that drew you here was this: “E Pluribus Unum,” out of many, one – it's our national motto. We could say in response to the intellectuals and diversity – “Diversity without unity always causes hostility. Diversity based on unity leads to tranquility.”

Alexis De Toqueville wrote about unity in his seminal and unabridged work, *Democracy in America*, on page 303, “So in the United States, society had no infancy, being born adult...he [the pioneers] is the product of eighteen centuries of labor and experience...he is a very civilized man prepared for a time to face life in the forest...with his Bible, ax and newspaper.”

An intriguing notion, that the infant who visited Egypt 21 centuries ago (*Democracy in America* was written about 1828, hence the 18 centuries) would be the cause of unity in a new land thousands of miles away and two thousand years later. Because of this Divine Infant De Toqueville proves it was never an infant land, but a land born an adult. A government that was diverse and yet one. A bastion where people could rail all they wanted against that government without fear of reprisal. In fact, unity required that we expose the follies of our own government and if necessary we change or abolish this government: The Declaration of Independence.

Here people are pretty much free to say what ever they want, even crazy things – as long as it’s peaceful. Listening to our “intelligentsia” the American Revolution was fought so that people could use ugly words and women can dance nude. Listening to the ACLU the naïve would believe it. No!

Part II

The Revolution was fought for YOU. So you could flee oppression and YOU could share the wisdom of your ancestors to improve this land. The Wisdom of many martyrs and the oppressed poured into the Declaration of Independence, the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 and the Constitution with its Bill of Rights. It took thousands of years, millions of lives and billions of hours of thought, arguing and – yes – even war. Then “in the fullness of time,” wisdom prevailed.

After “a long train of abuses,” wisdom sometimes comes to mankind. It did to the Americans: if not, you would not have chosen to flee to this land. Transmitting wisdom is the key element of education. I believe that the over arching purpose of education is to “transmit the wisdom – not the folly – of our ancestors to each and every boy and girl that we might ALL live in the land with the highest degree of peace, order and liberty.”

So simple, or is it? If it were so simple why have there been so few governments in the world like ours?

The men who gave us these documents never felt inspired nor did they think their work sacred. They never thought their work would stand unchanged forever. But – they did know that in order to create these charters and to change these charters so that we could all enjoy our peace, order and liberty that they had to understand two of the most simple and profound things: (1) The Nature of Man and (2) The Nature of God. Wisdom demands a simple analogy before we dive into these deep waters. Government and Zoos.

If we can understand zoos perhaps we can begin to understand the Government that was given to us in these four charters...and THEN we will Know Why You Are Here.

Zoos are built in accordance with the nature of an animal: lions' and lambs' enclosures are different because they're built upon the nature of the creature.

Why are you here and not in Cuba, Red China, Sudan or Syria? Liberty. II Corinthians 3:17, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there you will find liberty." Man does have a nature. Zoos build environments in accordance with the creature's nature. Lambs and lions have different natures and hence different enclosures. The fact that you fled your homeland and came to this very strange and very particular country proves that you have a nature: you yearn for liberty: This is the key to human nature.

Why do all oppressed peoples of the world flee to come here? Tyranny. A tyrant uses the law illegally to prevent one from enjoying liberty. Mankind cannot stand tyranny; it's against his nature. The fact that you chose this land is incontrovertible proof. Why don't we all flee to lands of tyranny? We had no real choice, you and I: It's our nature to seek liberty.

Part III

From the Nature of God they saw His will summed up in the 10 Commandments. They knew the "zoo" for mankind, government, that they wanted was to be one that offered the least amount of restraints on man. Why? Because they knew that liberty is best achieved when man is moral. What? Yes. When man is good, he is moral – he does not need restraints: against good behavior there is no need for law. Man does not need tyranny to force him to do something when he treats his neighbor as himself.

Consider a world where every man does as God tells us in His two Great Commandments: First, if man looks to God to find what is moral he will find that it's simple: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no higher ethic any where from any philosopher or wise man than this. But, the morals come from one place: God; not man.

God's 10 Commandments are summed up in the Two Great Commandments – if followed – then there is only a limited need for police, for laws, for prisons, for punishment: Tyranny can not grow in this soil because liberty will flourish and men who love liberty will resist the unlawful, Tyrants. "Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God," T. Jefferson.

And, second, the men who understood this wisdom also looked at the nature of man. From *The Federalist Papers*: Man, he is a little less than the angels. He is fallen. He is a creature of ambition. He is a creature of vindictiveness. He is a creature of rapaciousness. This is no different than a zoologist designing enclosures for the many animals he is to house. He looks to the nature of the beast and then when he knows their nature, he builds the enclosure, the government.

This is true. It's so simple it invites criticism. But, you are living proof: The Truth is that You Are Here. You and millions of other peoples from all over the world have given up all you had in your beloved homelands to come to this very strange land. Yet no one flees from here to go and live in lands of oppression. This is Proof that the men who put this government together got it correct. So simple, so profound.

Divide power. Enumerate power. Power not enumerated to the feds is reserved for the states. The Constitution was summed up in three words: Prohibited Unless Authorized. Why? Why do we have checks and balances? The zoo. The creature. We are not trustworthy, even the most moral of people is not trustworthy. Our wise government creators knew they had to break up power as power always seeks to grow: Power corrupts and absolute

power corrupts absolutely. So they built an enclosure of Federalism or disbursed powers to keep us safe from the ambitious, the vindictive and the rapacious: ourselves.

Diversity centered on the two natures, of God's and man's and then we find tranquility. So simple, so profound – so elusive.

Now our best and brightest disagree. They reject God and they believe man has no inherent nature. Thinking it's more expedient and cheaper to consolidate all power into Washington, D.C. they have deserted this provision of our charters and hence we now groan under the weight of lost liberties.

Today – our liberty is periled from a fourteen hundred century old belief system that is using our civil liberties to take over and destroy our civil liberties. Now, in order to save this land from those who come here as a gift – the Trojan Horse of Islam to the ramparts of liberty, America, we need to change the Constitution. We can. BUT, when we do, we must always remember who we are and Who created us: we must recall our form of government springs from two concepts, (1) The Nature of God and (2) the nature of man. If we change the Constitution without (1) God and His morals in mind first and (2) the Nature of man, then we will become just like the lands you fled from. What would be the point of fleeing and Islamic controlled land to come to one that has become equally oppressed?

This is why I'm glad you are here. You can bring us the wisdom of your ancestors and the pain of your persecution that drove you here. This pain will enable you to resist the siren call of our current intellectuals who have jettisoned the basis of our law that drew you here.

Part IV

In Bible history Egypt has been known as “The Place of Refuge.” When I hear these four words I sense peace and inspiration. Now you, the Copts, are here as a place of refuge. Thank God we are – at least for a while. Forces are against us – they always have been – because we are the followers of He alone Who is Good: The Triune God.

As a force, evil can only exist in the absence of good. As we serve the Ultimate Good, evil has no choice but to follow us seeking our end. Isn't this the Copts' story for fourteen centuries – evil coming against good? Isn't this why you are now here? In fact – isn't this why the ACLU thousands of miles and hundreds of years later is relentlessly looking for our Christian symbols and suing us? Yes. For evil to exist it cannot cease its search to find good and work to end it. “The only thing for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing,” Sir Edmund Burke.

Of course the Copts follow He alone Who is Good. Therefore, you have struggled against evil for fourteen centuries. You, the Copts, have given us so much. In God's providence He gives us all challenges that we may all grow in the Faith. (The Copts have had more than their fair share – but – to those who are given much, much is expected – and the Copts have performed admirably!). Often we see challenges just as an irritant. I don't think God does. For example, consider the oyster. A little grain of sand irritates the oyster producing the beautiful pearl: the response to a challenge becomes a treasure!

The sandy irritants of two millennia have caused the Copts to give us beautiful pearls of wisdom that still influence the world. I know – hard as it is to believe today (all our law schools deny it – though a hundred years ago they wouldn't) that America's roots are the result of evil seeking to destroy

Christianity. The early Americans were merely Christians seeking a place of refuge here that they could enjoy their faith without the threats of evil. In order to resist evil, they had to build upon the Christian legacy: the legacy that the Copts are so foundational to. Let me prove this by referring to Alexis De Tocqueville who wrote about you in a round about way.

From his Democracy in America, written about 1839, we read pages full of Christian Heritage causing America to become the beacon, the city on a hill, that drew you and is still drawing all oppressed peoples of the world here. In fact, on page 303 of the unabridged version we read, "So in the United States, society had no infancy, being born adult...All his [the American pioneer's] surroundings are primitive and wild, but he is the product of eighteen centuries of labor and experience."

Born adult? Eighteen centuries old? What's that all about? He's referring to you, the Copts. What? You say. Yes. It is true. Let me explain – a few paragraphs below – but first another quote on page 295 of this book: "There are sections of the population in Europe where unbelief goes hand in hand with brutishness and ignorance, whereas in America the most free and enlightened people in the world zealously perform all the external duties of religion. The religious atmosphere of the country was the first thing that struck me on arrival in the United States. The longer I stayed in the country, the more conscious I became of the important political consequences resulting from this novel situation. In France I had seen the spirits of religion and of freedom almost always marching in opposite directions. In America I found them intimately linked together in joint reign over the same land."

Well, OK, you say, but what is this book, Democracy in America? Good question, I'm glad you asked. This book has been required reading in America's Political Science classes in all our colleges for over 150 years! Of course today it's still required reading but the professors will not assign these

Christ-referenced pages to the students. They can't. Most are members of the ACLU, which hates Christianity – and therefore hate America.

If Christianity is True, then there should be “fruit,” as Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount. There is “fruit” – LIBERTY. You are here; you sought liberty and this is the fruit of the American “experiment.” II Corinthians 3:17, “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there you will find Liberty.” Well, isn't that what America is all about? Yes, and the ACLU can't stand this. Their allies, the college professors who teach political science, can't stand this. So they lie by omitting these pages. Democracy in America is a “Blue Print” for how America became America. Unedited it terrifies the ACLU!

It is a huge book, almost 800 pages long – but well worth the read – because there is page after page of references of the influence of Christianity in forming and sustaining America. This “blue print” of government explains why you and all oppressed peoples from all over the world are here!

Our modern schools have revised our American history. They have to because Democracy in America proves our history is founded on the teachings of Jesus Christ. It is founded on many saints who were instrumental in Egypt who gave their lives to form Christianity. This book proves what we lost in America. If we know what we have lost that made us a beacon to you, then we can return to our roots, Christianity, and save our children from succumbing again to the false religion of Arabia now cleverly propagating itself here. If we want to keep our liberties to save our children from the oppression that you and my ancestors fled from, there are two books we should read constantly: First and foremost, The Holy Bible and then, Democracy in America.

Here are some more examples on pages 302 and 303, “The Anglo-Americans were completely civilized when they arrived in the

land which their descendants occupy; they had no need to learn, it being enough that they should not forget." And this is where you, the Copts come in. Today, America has forgotten. We have forgotten what we knew – our Christian heritage, but you have not! You have suffered and learned for fourteen centuries from a man-made religion that is not satisfied with just getting along, but with defiling dominating and destroying.

Here's the connection to my proposition above that Alexis De Tocqueville in a round about way referred to the Copts in his book – the eighteen centuries actually goes back to Abraham or about thirty-eight centuries: because of the tremendous contributions Egyptians made over thousands of years of Biblical history: Abraham and Sarah fleeing to Egypt; Moses – probably the greatest Egyptian of all; baby Jesus fleeing with his mother and father fulfilling the prophecy of Hosea 11:1; and later as the Copts lead by Athanasius defended the concept of the Trinity. Therefore, I know that De Tocqueville in his Democracy in America refers back to the eighteen centuries of Christ's influence on the world and you – the Copts are center stage! It is the Copts who were pivotal in giving us the basis of Christianity as we understand it, and it is this Christianity that the early Americans unwittingly turned to in forming their government drawing you from the original Place of Refuge to the current place of refuge. Praise God!

Praise God for the Copts! Praise God for those who stand up for His righteousness against the never-ending ebb and flow of evil.

I love Bible stories about Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Jesus and his parents – and now that I understand who Athanasius and other Copts from the School of Alexandria, I love to read about them too. I love to read these stories because these are people who went before us and resisted evil. I hope you enjoy these tidbits of our shared history, ancient Egypt tied together to America. Now – as the Holy Family fled to Egypt,

to The Place of Refuge, you have come to us. And as Copts today you are tied together with America: you can help save America and we can all help to relieve the oppression back in Egypt and the entire Middle East!

We at Courageous Christians United – ALL Christians – owe much to you, the Copts, and we at CCU are pleased to offer our services to you – that we might all work together resisting evil for the Glory of God.

Steve Klein, CEO, **Courageous Christians United**

*Alexis De Toqueville, Democracy in America, trans. George Lawrence (New York: Harper Perennial, a division of HarperCollins Publishers, 1966)