

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 topos 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

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)

Loudspeaker call to Islamize America

By Nonie Darwish

The Islamist movement in the United States has no intention of expressing sensitivity to the majority Judeo-Christian culture of America. Even 9/11 has not slowed them down, but might even have given more fuel to their cherished dream of seeing

America and its government Moslem.

The City Council of Hamtramck, Michigan, gave its preliminary approval to the Bangladeshi al-Islah mosque to carry the Arabic call to prayer five times a day through a loudspeaker. The Moslem call for prayer, in Arabic, says: "Allah is great. I confess that there is no God but Allah. I confess that Mohamed is his messenger. Call for prayer, call for prayer." This is repeated for two minutes.

Devout Moslems already know when it is time to pray and in this day and age there are certainly other ways to call people for prayers that conforms to noise regulation and respects the wish of the general public not to hear loudspeakers 5 times a day praising a God that is different from theirs and in whose name the terrorists of 9/11 committed their atrocity. How far are we Arab/Moslem Americans going to keep pushing the envelope to test America's patience? To whose benefit these loudspeakers are being installed? Could the loudspeakers be another sign of an audacious, in-your-face conquest of America to please those who finance these mosques?

Americans are the most tolerant people in the world and it seems that the more tolerant they become, the more they are taken advantage of. How far will our tolerant Judeo-Christian culture be pushed around? And how many times will Christians give the other cheek to prove they love those who despise them?

Arab/Moslem Americans should reciprocate the tolerance and sensitivity to the rest of America. They should not demand from America to tolerate unwelcome loudspeakers even if the politicians in the city council want to please the Arab population for their vote. Mosques in the US should know better because in most Moslem countries, Jewish synagogues and Christian churches are not even permitted to be built, much less promoted via public-address loudspeakers.

At a time when American youth are dying to stabilize Iraq and bring democracy to a Moslem country, the last thing I want to see as an Arab American is my fellow Americans upset at us for forcing Koran read to them through amplifiers.

Mosques all over the Middle East have used and abused loudspeakers to spread not only the call for prayers, but also Friday sermons. In many Arab capitals you can often hear a prayer to destroy the infidels (non-Moslems) and the Jews, the enemies of God, over loudspeakers that are often used as tools of incitement and indoctrination. People in congested and noisy Arab cities such as Cairo often hear 3 or 4 mosque loudspeakers simultaneously since there could be 4 or more mosques in one square mile. The dawn prayer can come as early as 5 am and many Moslems in the Middle East hate it, but are too afraid to say anything about it.

Why is America importing fear, oppression and insensitivity to the American general public? There is a fine line between tolerance and self destruction.

Putting Tolerance to the Test: The Rise of Islam in Europe

By Dale Hurd
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There is no exaggerating Arab and Muslim anger and resentment. Most Arab immigrants live in slums, with four to five times the unemployment rate of native Europeans.

CBN.com – (CBN News) – The most common name for baby boys in Brussels is Mohammed. There are as many as 15 million Arabs and Muslims living in Europe. Europe needs babies and immigrants, because its birthrate has imploded, but Europe's not sure it wants these immigrants, because it fears the rise of Islam.

The political temperature is rising in Europe. Arabs and Muslims already felt like outsiders before France banned the headscarves in schools. The Dutch parliament voted to expel 26,000 asylum seekers, many of them from the Third World. Some are wondering if it is the beginning of an anti-immigrant backlash.

Many Europeans are nervous. They like to think that they are more enlightened and tolerant than the rest of the world, but that tolerance is being tested by a wave of immigration that could change the face of Europe.

Anti-immigrant far-right parties are growing all across the continent. In Austria, The Freedom Party; In Italy, the Northern League; in Switzerland, The People's Party; In France, The National Front; In Belgium, The Flemish Block; In Denmark, the People's Party, In Norway, The Progress Party.

Jean-Marie Le Pen, of France's far-right political party National Front, told CBN News that the cause of most of France's problems are immigrants from Africa and Asia, and his slogan is "France for the French."

Frank Vanhecke is leader of the Vlaams Blok, or Flemish Block, in Belgium. The party is strong in Belgium's Dutch-speaking North, and is poised to take over the Antwerp city government. Vanhecke is worried about the growth of what he says is a radical Islamic sub-culture that refuses to assimilate, and which has begun demanding that Arabic become an official language of Belgium.

Vanhecke said, "This is the kind of people we are dealing with

– people who do not come to our country to adapt, to make a new life, to start again, to make a living, to be thankful for the country that accepts them. We are talking about people who, in fact, come to us as rulers, who want to become masters in our country. And I personally think, I fear, that this is a part of the Islamic religion.”

His party’s platform calls for all immigrants who refuse to adapt to the values and language of Belgium to be returned to their home countries.

Gareth Harding, UPI Bureau Chief in Brussels, commented, “I think, incontestably, the far right is on the march.” And those marching with it, he said, are the angry.

Harding added, “I think that they feel, by talking to them there, betrayed by these mainstream parties who have simply refused to deal with common concerns about immigration, and about crime and falling standards of living.”

German policy analyst Mirjam Dittrich thinks the right wing threat is overblown. He said, “I think there is xenophobia in Europe. And, of course, there are right wing parties that are exploiting existing fears and are playing on those fears. But I think at the same time we shouldn’t exaggerate the threat of these right wing parties.”

But there is no exaggerating Arab and Muslim anger and resentment. Most Arab immigrants live in slums, with four to five times the unemployment rate of native Europeans. They feel like outsiders, and many are turning to radical Arab leaders like Diyab Abou JahJah. JahJah’s been called the Belgian Malcolm X. He’s the head of the Arab European League in Antwerp. And he says White Europe doesn’t want to face reality.

JahJah said, “It doesn’t want to adapt to the fact that this society is multicultural now. It still behaves and acts as if we were like 50 years ago, when everybody here was white and

Catholic and talking Dutch.”

But JahJah, who leads those who feel like outsiders, doesn't want Arab and Muslim culture to be assimilated into Europe. And that is exactly what the right wing fears.

“We do not want to debate integration or assimilation, ” says JahJah, “because we don't believe in that kind of debate. We believe in a debate about how a country should treat its own citizens, because we are not foreigners.”

There may now be as many as seven Arabs for every Jew in Europe, and some believe that is the major reason that anti-Semitism has returned to Europe. A poll last year showed that most Europeans now think Israel is the biggest threat to world peace. Attacks on synagogues, schools, cemeteries and Jews are reminiscent of the 1930's.

Jewish student Eli Mamane said, “I've had people call me dirty jew, stinking jew, smelly jew. They've said, 'You Jews are [the] world's problem at the moment.' ”

Michael Whine of the Jewish Community Security Trust, said, “Anti-Semitism now comes from Islamists, from the Middle East, from the Arab media, and there's an overspill, both of tension in the Middle East and the anti-Semitism that's being promoted within the Arab states itself.”

But unlike most Arabs in the Middle East, Arabs in Europe can vote. And as their political clout grows, Europe is likely to become more anti-Semitic, more anti-Israel, more anti-American. A clash of civilizations is looming in Europe. France tried to strike a blow to Islamic separatism when it banned headscarves on Muslim schoolgirls. Muslim leaders warn the ban will backfire.

But after the headscarf ban, Dr. Dalil Boubakeur, the leading moderate Muslim spokesman in France, told a newspaper that French Muslims had become social pariahs, and he predicted

violence in the streets. Even before the headscarf ban it was not uncommon for Arab demonstrations to end in riots. And as anti-immigrant parties convince more Europeans that Islam is a threat to European civilization, their power will grow.

Vlaams Blok's Vanhecke said, "The Islamic religion is a religion of force, which despises non-Islamic peoples. I think this may sound hard, but I think it's the truth."

With immigrants having babies three times faster than native Europeans, Europe's future is going to be multi-cultural. But it may not be peaceful.

CAIR'S JESUS ADS INSULT

by believer2

What if Christians made an advertisement in the newspapers of Saudi Arabia announcing that we have a lot in common, we love Muslims and respect their religion, but we don't believe Allah is God or Muhammad is a prophet of the God of the Bible?

Would they let us run these advertisements in their newspapers?

Would they see this as an expression of love and respect?

The answer is a resounding NO. Not only would they not allow such advertisements, but the Muslim world (as usual) would go into a rage with uproar of insults and cries of accusations against all Christians for blaspheming their prophet and Allah, followed by fatwas to kill the people that dared to even suggest those advertisements.

Well, this is exactly what CAIR is doing to the Christians of

America and the world by putting these deceiving, blasphemous and hugely insulting ads on the pages of American newspapers. And to add insult to injury, CAIR offers us the poison wrapped in Islamic honey as an act of love and respect, expecting us to swallow it with tears of gratitude in our eyes and choked of emotion as we, the kafirs that believe falsely in a God incarnate Jesus of the Bible, rejoice and recite after CAIR thank you Islam.

Now, let's prove this deception and this insult from the Koran point by point:

First of all, how would Muslims like it if we call Muhammad "Medo"? Would they take that as sign of respect?

That's exactly what Muhammad and Muslims did with the name of Jesus; they transformed it to Eissa. Of course, they use the deception of saying that Eissa is the Arabization of the name Jesus, which is a lie. Why do the Christians of Arabic speaking countries never use the name Eissa, but Ya'ssou, derived from the Hebrew Ya'shou, the origin of the name Jesus? Why in the Arabic Bible is there no mention of Eissa? The established doctrine of the Bible is that every name have a specific meaning. Therefore, the name Ya'ssou means The Savior. What does Eissa mean? No Muslim will be able to tell us the meaning of Eissa. Simply, because it has no meaning. Even if we go with the Arabization excuse, how would they like us Americanizing Muhammad to Moody or Modison or Muhamadelson, or Africanize it to Mamadou, and in Italiano it would be Muhammadiano or Muhammadsconi. Isn't that in itself a big insult to Jesus, the Bible and Christians?

5:51, 9:29, 5:9, 5:57

Second, CAIR ads tell us "Like Christians, Muslims respect and revere Jesus. Islam teaches that Jesus is one of the greatest of God's prophets and messengers to humankind."

And this is the POISON, "like Christians."

Let me make it clear from the beginning that my aim here is not to indulge in comparative religions debate. But to expose

a DELIBERATE deception with the intentional aim of disinformation and misleading lies. Slandering the Christians of the world and the Christians of America in particular by insulting their intelligence, abusing their religious tolerance, and making them in spite of themselves having things in common and partners with a so called religion of an Allah that desire nothing less than their extermination unless they follow that Allah and Muhammad, and add to the manpower of Islam to fulfill its commandments in spreading the extermination of others. All this, in full sunlight, proudly displayed by (who else) CAIR in a perfidious media blitz campaign with full blown ads on the pages of American newspapers.

There is a wealth of material from the Koran and Islamic sources that not only refute that deceiving claim "Like Christians", but actually warns Muslims that they have nothing in common with Christians, and call the Christians and Jews "Kafirs" which is the most degrading Arabic insult used by Muslims towards Christians and Jews that literally equal pagans and allude to something unclean. And since the most unclean animal for a Muslim is the pig, that's what the word popularly alludes to, and not the Western understanding of the deliberate misleading translation as "unbelievers" which is a different Arabic word. To emphasize the degrading insult of the word kafir let me add this detail. In a respectful discussion or (as usual) when addressing Western audiences a Muslim would never use the word Kafir. He will use "non Muslim" or "unbeliever." Last but by all means the most condemning point of the degrading and insulting language of the "holy" book of Islam the Koran towards Christians and Jews, is specifically this particular point of its use of the word Kafir while a Muslim abstain from using it when addressing Western audience. This is but one example that shows the embarrassment and shame or the de-facto implicit condemnation of none other but Muslims of the hostility of their "holy" Koran. Furthermore, Christians and Jews are

accused of being polytheists, damned, people that strayed from the right path, sons of apes and pigs that should not be taken either as friends or as associate, co-workers, authority (meaning no allegiance to any Christian or Jew in any position of authority whether in a work place or the institutions of the country), and ultimately should either pay the Jeziah (blood money), convert to Islam or be killed.

And what's the reason for all this? And why have Christians "strayed from the right path," damned and deserve to be killed as kafirs? Very simply, because they believe in the Jesus of the Bible and denounce the Eissa of the Koran.

According to the Koran, all who believe in the crucified Jesus, the Son of God, His crucifixion, death on the cross, the trinity of the Godhead (which includes every Christian on the face of this earth) are Kafirs "Kafirs are those who say Allah is one of three in a Trinity, for there is no god except One Alah". Surah 5:73, which means, to apply on them all the above as commanded in the Koran.

Then we see CAIR, with a magical twist of "advertisement", trashing in one stroke all Christians' belief in the divinity of Jesus and lowering Him to a second class Prophet behind Muhammad. After all, according to Islam, Muhammad is the most honorable of all creations, of all messengers, the seal of the Prophets, the light of the Throne of Allah, and the one that Allah and his Angels pray on and greet every moment of day and night. Trashing the Bible that declares the divinity of Jesus and his atonement by the redemptive life and death of Jesus on the Cross.

Muhammad the prophet of Islam, 600 hundred years after Jesus, also with a stroke of a pen, trashed the crucifixion of Jesus and His divinity, thereby destroying the foundation of Christian dogma (Hebrew 22:9) since there wouldn't be any Christianity on the face of this earth if there was no crucifixion and death on the Cross of Jesus. The Cross is the

cornerstone of Christianity, no Cross no Christianity, period, coupled with the denial of His divinity "And behold! God will say: O Jesus the son of Mary didst thou say unto men, worship me and my mother as gods in derogation of Allah? He (Jesus) will say: Glory to thee, never could I say what I had no right (to say)". Surah 5:116. Here the Koran is denouncing the Jesus of the Bible as a blasphemer and liar for His claim of divinity, corrupting and crediting the Bible with the false teaching of the divinity of Marry the mother of Jesus. Then, according to Islam, all Christians have been fooled and scammed for 2000 years, deceived by a corrupted Bible (which is another claim fed to Muslims worldwide since birth by their Islamic authorities to deny them the reading of the Bible).

The question now for every Christian on the face of this earth, and more pointedly, the Christians of America who are the target of this deceptive advertisement, what did the advertisement of the Islamic organization CAIR leave of your Christianity? In other words, **WHAT IN CHRISTIANITY AND CHRISTIAN FAITH DID CAIR, ACCORDING TO THE ISLAMIC "HOLY" BOOK THE KORAN, NOT TRASH PROUDLY IN THEIR ADVERTISEMENT?** And which Christian on the face of this earth would see himself or herself included in that "Like Christians..."?

CAIR states that "Muslims respect and revere Jesus." How much respect would it be to tell people that their King, let alone the King of Kings for the Christians worldwide, is a great second class ambassador?

If that was all, we could still live with it. After all, every one is free to believe or not to believe whatever he chooses, EXCEPT in Islam where Muslims face death if they dare to think differently or choose another religion. No, the poison in CAIR's advertisement was designed to be wrapped well in sweet honey for the victim's delight so as not to feel the lethal harm.

Now, back to "Muslims respect and revere Jesus" which CAIR

advertisement as well as Muslims addressing Western audiences. Ohhh .. let's not forget the "Like Christians .."

I'll start this by a question. What is the symbol of Islam? For who doesn't know , it's the crescent (don't ask me why now, that's another story.) Another symbol of Islam is the black banner with two crossed swords and the inscription of "La Ellah Ella Allah Wa Muhammad Rasoul Allah" which translate to "No God but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger." As for the two swords, you don't need a translation

SLAVERY IN ISLAM

by [Silas](#)

ABSTRACT

Islam institutionalized slavery. Muhammad began to take slaves after he moved to Medina, and had power. Slaves were usually taken in raids on nearby Arab tribes, or war, either through offensive or defensive actions. Islam allows the taking of slaves as "booty", or reward for fighting. This has led to numerous "jihads" by Muslim states and tribes to attack other non-Muslim groups and obtain slaves. Islamic jurisprudence laid down regulations for the proper treatment of slaves. However, abuses have occurred throughout history.

INTRODUCTION

The West is familiar with the history of slavery in the new world. It was sinful and terrible, and it lasted for several hundred years. And it was abolished mainly through the efforts

of Christians in England (Wilberforce, Clarkson) and America (the Abolitionists, primarily Protestant).

However, few people in the west know about Islam and slavery. Most would be surprised that Islam authorizes the taking of slaves as spoils of war. From the days that Muhammad drew his sword to rob and conquer non-Muslims to this very day, Muslims have been taking non-Muslims, and even other black Muslims, as slaves.

Muslims were enslaving black Africans long before any slave ships sailed for the New World. Muslims were taking and making slaves all over the lands they had conquered. Later, when slave ships were loaded with black slaves, often, a Muslim slave broker had the human cargo all ready to go. The white Southerners rarely had to go into inland to capture slaves, they were already waiting there, courtesy of some Muslim ruler, and/or slave broker! In many cases, if the black slaves were not sent to the New World, they were sent to the Mideast to be enslaved by Arabs, or kept by other black Muslims as slaves.

MUHAMMAD, MUSLIMS, THE QURAN, AND SLAVERY

To begin with, the Quran justifies slavery, and often mentions slaves. Here are some relevant verses:

33:50 – “Prophet, We have made lawful to you the wives to whom you have granted dowries and the slave girls whom God has given you as booty.”

This verse clearly shows that Muslims believe that taking slaves in war was a God-given right. These slaves were

considered 'booty' or the spoils of war. As the saying goes: to the victors go the spoils.

23:5 – "... except with their wives and slave girls, for these are lawful to them:..."

The passage's context here (not quoted in full) details how Muslim males are allowed to have sexual relations with their wives and slave girls. Implicit in this is that Muslim males had slave-concubines. 70:30 is basically a repeat of 23:5.

Ibn Sa'd's "Tabaqat", gives a clear description of Muhammad having "relations" with at least one of his slave girls. Muhammad had sexual relations with Mariyah, his Coptic slave. Mariyah and her sister, Sirin were slaves given as gifts to Muhammad. Muhammad gave Sirin to Hasan Thabit, the poet. Ibn Sa'd says that Muhammad "liked Mariyah, who was of white complexion, with curly hair and pretty." [Taken from Ibn Sa'd's "Kitab al-Tabaqat al-Kabir" (Book of the Major Classes), p151].

Ibn Sa'd also writes that Mariyah bore Muhammad a son named Ibrahim. He died 18 months later. Sa'd writes: "If he had lived, no maternal uncle of his would have remained in bondage", p164. This shows that there were other Coptic slaves owned by the Muslims.

The Quran also instructs Muslims NOT to force their female slaves into prostitution (24:34), and even allows Muslims to marry slaves if they so desire (4:24), and to free them at times as a penalty for crime or sin (4:92, 5:89, 58:3) and even allows slaves to buy their liberty, if they meet certain of their master's conditions (24:33). [90:10 'freeing of a bondsman' refers to Muslims ransoming other Muslims who were slaves of non-Muslims.]

While I think it's nice to allow a slave to obtain his freedom, (at his master's discretion) it is tragic that Islam

allows them to be enslaved in the first place. That's like robbing a bank and giving some of the money back to the bank, and thinking you did the right thing!

The above verses show that taking slaves was ordained by Allah, and that it was permissible for Muslim males to have sex with their female slaves. It also shows that slaves were a valuable commodity to the Muslims, otherwise, Allah would not have imposed the penalty of freeing a slave to make up for a crime.

BUKHARI'S HADITH AND SLAVERY

There are hundreds of Hadith that deal with slavery. Whole chapters of Hadith are dedicated to dealing with the taxation, treatment, sale, and jurisprudence of slaves. In addition to this, numerous Hadith mention slaves, and their relation to their Muslim masters. Here is a selection of Hadith on slaves: [all Hadith are from Sahih Bukhari, unless noted.]

Vol. 7-#137 Narrated Abu al-Khudri: "We got female captives in the war booty and we used to do coitus interruptus with them. So we asked Allah's messenger about it and he said, "Do you really do that?" repeating the question thrice, "There is no soul that is destined to exist but will come into existence, till the Day of Resurrection.""

Here, Muslims had taken female slaves, and had sex with them. Muhammad approved of this. He only admonished them not to practice coitus interruptus.

Vol. 5-#459 [This Hadith is similar to the above. However, additional details are added]. Narrated Ibn Muhairiz: "I entered the mosque and saw Abu Khudri and sat beside him and asked him about coitus interruptus. Abu said, "We went out

with Allah's messenger for the Ghazwa (attack upon) Banu Mustaliq and we received captives from among the Arab captives and we desired women and celibacy became hard on us and we loved to do coitus interruptus. So when we intended to do coitus interruptus we said "How can we do coitus interruptus without asking Allah's messenger while he is present among us?" We asked (him) about it and he said "It is better for you not to do so, for if any soul (till the Day of Resurrection) is predestined to exist, it will exist.""

Here, the Muslims attacked the Banu Mustaliq, and took slaves. The female slaves were distributed as booty to the Muslim soldiers. Being away from home, the soldiers became horny, and want to have sexual relations with the newly captured female slaves. They went to Muhammad and asked about coitus interruptus. He told them not to practice that, but to complete the sexual act with the slaves. Related Hadith show that they didn't want to get the women pregnant because they wanted to be able to sell them later on. Under Islamic law they were not allowed to sell pregnant female slaves.

In effect, Muhammad okayed the rape of female prisoners.

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Narrated Kuraib: the freed slave of Ibn 'Abbas, that Maimuna bint Al-Harith told him that she manumitted a slave-girl without taking the permission of the Prophet. On the day when it was her turn to be with the Prophet, she said, "Do you know, O Allah's Apostle, that I have manumitted my slave-girl?" He said, "Have you really?" She replied in the affirmative. He said, "You would have got more reward if you had given her (i.e. the slave-girl) to one of your maternal uncles."

Here a woman frees a slave girl, but Muhammad says that she would have gotten more (heavenly) reward if she had given the

slave one of her uncles, thus keeping the slave in slavery.

Vol. 7-#734 "...At the door of the [Muhammad's] room there was a slave to whom I went and said, "Ask the permission for me to enter"....

This is a long Hadith, and the quote reveals that Muhammad has slaves working in his house.

Vol. 7-#344 Narrated Anas: "Allah's messenger went to the house of his slave tailor, and he was offered a dish of gourd of which he started eating. I have loved to eat gourd since I saw Allah's messenger eating it."

This Hadith shows that another one of Muhammad's slaves was a tailor. #346 gives additional details.

Vol. 5-#541 Narrated Abu Huraira: When we conquered Khaibar, we gained neither gold nor silver as booty, but we gained cows, camels, goods and gardens. Then we departed with Allah's apostle to the valley of Al-Qira, and at that time Allah's messenger had a slave called Midam who had been presented to him by one of Banu Ad-Dibbab. While the slave was dismounting the saddle of Allah's messenger an arrow the thrower of which was unknown, came and hit him....

This Hadith shows that Muhammad held a slave, who was struck with an arrow.

Vol. 5-#637 Narrated Buraida: The prophet sent Ali to Khalid to bring the Khumus ([one fifth] of the booty) and I hated Ali, and Ali had taken a bath (after a sexual act with a slave girl from the Khumus). I said to Khalid, "Don't you see this (i.e. Ali)?" When we reached the prophet I mentioned that to him. He said, "O Buraida! Do you hate Ali?" I said, "Yes" He said, "Do you hate him, for he deserves more than that from the Khumus."

The note for this Hadith says “Buraida hated Ali because he had taken a slave girl from the booty and considered that as something not good.”

Here Ali took a newly captured slave girl, and had sex with her. When Muhammad was told about it, he approved of it. Note that slaves were considered as booty, and as a man’s property, they can use the female slave for sex, i.e., rape them.

Vol. 5-#512 Narrated Anas: “....The prophet had their warriors killed, their offspring and woman taken as captives....”

This Hadith details the attack on the Jews of Khaibar. Again, many of the women and children were taken and made into slaves.

Vol. 5-Chapter 67 Narrated Ibn Ishaq: The Ghazwa (attack upon) Uyaina bin Hisn waged against Banu Al-Anbar, a branch of Banu Tamim. The prophet sent Uyaina to raid them. He raided them and killed some of them and took some others as captives.

Here, Muhammad sent out his men to attack another tribe. They killed some of them and took others as captives. Once again, the Muslims attacked a neighboring tribe.

Vol. 5-#182 Narrated Aisha: “Abu Bakr had a slave who used to give him some of his earnings.

Vol. 5-#50 Narrated Amr Maimun: “...The slave of Al-Mughira...”

[another Muslim who owned the slave that killed Umar.]

...Al-Abbas had the greatest number of slaves...

[Al-Abbas, the future Muslim leader had many slaves].

Vol. 9-#462 Narrated Aisha: “...Furthermore you may ask the

slave girl who will tell you the truth". So the prophet asked Barira (my slave girl)...

Aisha had her own slave.

Also, volume 7-#s 845, 341, 352, 371, 410, 413, 654, ch. 22, ch. 23, and

volume 1-#s 29, 439, 661,

volume 9-#s ch. 23, ch. 32, #293, 296, 277, 100, 80.

All these Hadith detail that many other Muslims owned slaves.

MUHAMMAD, ABU DAWUD'S HADITH, AND SLAVERY

Abu Dawud, vol. 2, chapter 597 – "On a Man who Beats His Slave While he is in the Sacred State (wearing Ihram)."

#1814- "(Abu Bakr) began to beat him (Bakr's slave) while the apostle of Allah was smiling and saying: "Look at this man who is in the sacred state, what is he doing?" [The note for this Hadith says "Abu Bakr beat his slave to teach him sense of responsibility."]

Abu Dawud, vol. 2, chapter 683 – "On the Marriage of a Slave without the Permission of His Masters"

#2074- "Ibn Umar reported the prophet as saying: "If a slave marries without the permission of his master, his marriage is null and void."

Abu Dawud, vol. 2, chapter 1317 – "Contractual Obligation of a Slave."

#3499, 3500- *"The contractual obligation of a slave is three days. If he finds defect in the slave within three days, he may return it without any evidence; if he finds a defect after three days, he will be required to produce evidence that the slave had the defect when he brought it."*

MUHAMMAD, THE MUWATTA OF IMAM MALIK, AND SLAVERY

The chapters mentioned below show just how intrinsic slavery was during Muhammad's life, and the lives of the Caliphs. The Muwatta is a book of Islamic jurisprudence. It is full of regulations on dealing with slaves. Slaves were used throughout the Islamic world. Judging from the amount of Hadith here, it is safe to assume that many Muslims owned slaves.

Chapter 368 – *"Who takes the Property of a Slave When He is Freed"*

Chapter 371 – *"Slaves who cannot be set Free in the Obligatory Freeing of a Slave"*

Chapter 383 – *"Cohabitation with a Slave Girl after Declaring Her 'Mudabbir'"* (free after the master's death).

Chapter 387 – *"Who is Entitled to the Property of a Slave or Slave Girl at the time of Sale."*

Chapter 388 – *"The Limit of Responsibility of the Seller in the Sale of a Slave or Slave Girl."*

Chapter 390 – *"On the Conditional Sale of a Slave Girl."*

There are additional chapters dealing with slaves. This list is enough to show that dealing with slaves during and after Muhammad's time was extensive.

OTHER ISLAMIC WRITINGS ON MUSLIMS OWNING SLAVES

There are additional Islamic writings that document how Muhammad took, purchased, sold, and gave away slaves. The following quotes are from *“Behind the Veil”*.

Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya, a great scholar and Islamic historian says in his book *“Zad al-Ma’ad”*, part 1, p160:

“Muhammad had many male and female slaves. He used to buy and sell them, but he purchased more slaves than he sold. He once sold one black slave for two. His purchases of slaves were more than he sold.”

“Muhammad had a number of black slaves. One of them was named ‘Mahran’. Muhammad forced him to do more labor than the average man. Whenever Muhammad went on a trip and he, or his people, got tired of carrying their stuff, he made Mahran carry it. Mahran said “Even if I were already carrying the load of 6 or 7 donkeys while we were on a journey, anyone who felt weak would throw his clothes or his shield or his sword on me so I would carry that, a heavy load”. Tabari and Jawziyya both record this, so Islam accepts this as true.”

Ali, who was Muhammad’s son-in-law, whipped Aisha’s slave in front of Muhammad to make her talk about the adultery charges against Aisha. Muhammad did not say a word to Ali about beating the female slave. [From the *Sirat Rasulallah*, p496.]

In the *Sirat Rasulallah*, Muhammad massacred 800 males and took their women and children as slaves. He kept at least one Jewish female named Rayhana as his concubine, and gave the rest away to the Muslims. The *Sirat* says (p466) *“Then the*

apostle divided the property, wives, and children of Banu Qurayza among the Muslims...

and

“Then the apostle sent Sa’d Zayd brother of Ashhal with some of the captive women of Banu Qurayza to Najd and he sold them for horse and weapons.”

One thing for certain: **MUHAMMAD WAS A SLAVER**. The names of many of Muhammad’s slaves are detailed in Muslim writings and they can be found in *“Behind the Veil”*.

Some Muslims claim that slaves under Islam were always treated fairly and kindly, and that slaves in the West were always treated like “chattel”. The fact is that the real treatment slaves in both the west and under Islam has varied. Some slaves were treated fairly, others were treated brutally. Both the Quran and New Testament command masters to treat slaves fairly. Compare Ephesians 6:9 with Sura 4:36. Both are similar. However, the New Testament condemns slave trading in 1 Tim 1:10 (menstealers is the same word for slave-traders), the Quran allows for, even urges slave-taking.

THE RIGHTS OF SLAVES UNDER ISLAM

According to the Hughes Dictionary of Islam, slaves had few civil or legal rights. For example:

- a. Muslim men were allowed to have sex anytime with females slaves – Sura 4:3, 4:29, 33:49.
- b. Slaves are as helpless before their masters as idols are before God – Sura 16:77
- c. According to Islamic Tradition, people at the time of their capture were either to be killed, or enslaved. Shows you that they were at the bottom of the barrel to start with.
- d. According to Islamic jurisprudence, slaves were

merchandise. The sales of slaves was in accordance with the sale of animals.

- e. Muhammad ordered that some slaves who were freed by their master be RE-ENSLAVED!
- f. It is permissible under Islamic law to whip slaves.
- g. According to Islam, a Muslim could not be put to death for murdering a slave. Ref. 2:178 and the Jalalayn confirm this.
- h. According to Islam, the testimony of slaves is not admissible in court. Ibn Timiyya and Bukhari state this.
- i. According to Islamic jurisprudence, slaves cannot choose their own marriage mate. – Ibn Hazm, vol. 6, part 9.
- j. According to Islamic jurisprudence, slaves can be forced to marry who their masters want. – Malik ibn Anas, vol. 2, page 155.

Slavery continued in Islamic lands from about the beginning to this very day. Muslim rulers always found support in the Quran to call 'jihad', partly for booty, part for the purpose of taking slaves. As the Islamic empire disintegrated into smaller kingdoms, and each ruler was able to decide what Islam's theology really meant. Usually, he always found it in support of what he wanted to do. Their calls of jihad against their neighbor facilitated the taking of slaves for Islam. The Quran and Islamic jurisprudence support the taking of slaves, so, those petty Muslim rulers were following the Quran when they needed slaves.

WHO COULD BE MADE SLAVES UNDER ISLAM?

1. Islam allows Muslims to make slaves out of anyone who is captured during war.

2. Islam allows for the children of slaves to be raised as slaves
3. Like #1, Islam allows for Christians and Jews to be made into slaves if they are captured in war. After Muslim armies attacked and conquered Spain, they took thousands of slaves back to Damascus. The key prize was 1000 virgins as slaves. They were forced to go all the way back to Damascus.
4. Christians and Jews, who had made a treaty with the ruling Muslims could be made into slaves if they did not pay the "protection" tax. This paying for 'protection' was just like paying a Mafia racketeer! This allowed Muslim rulers to extort money from non-Muslim people.

POST MUHAMMAD SLAVERY

WHERE DID MANY OF THE MUSLIM'S SLAVES COME FROM?

Although Muslims took slaves from all over the lands they conquered, many of the Muslim slaves were black Africans. There were forced to do the harshest labor.

There was a famous black slave revolt in Iraq where thousands of black slaves revolted and killed tens of thousands of Arabs in Basrah. There slaves were forced to work in the large Muslim saltpeter mines. During their revolt, they conquered the city of Basrah, in Iraq. They conquered city after city, and they couldn't be stopped. Their uprising and drive for freedom lasted for about 11 years. ["The History of Islam", Robert Payne, p.185.]

As the Muslim armies continued to conquer land, they acquired many slaves. Bernard Lewis in "The Arabs in History" writes: "polytheists and idolaters were seen primarily as sources of slaves."

In the early years of the Arab conquests, vast numbers of slave were acquired by capture. C.E. Bosworth in "The Islamic Dynasties" writes: "the use of this labor enabled the Arabs to live on the conquered land as a rentier class and to exploit some of the economic potential of the rich Fertile Crescent."

Ibn Warraq writes: "Arabs were deeply involved in the vast network of slave trading – they scoured the slave markets of China, India, and Southeast Asia. There were Turkish slaves from Central Asia, slaves from the Byzantine Empire, white slave from Central and East Europe, and Black slaves from West and East Africa. Every city in the Islamic world had its slave market."

ABUSES OF SLAVES IN MODERN ISLAM TODAY

Muhammad did say that slaves should be treated fairly. But they were still a Muslim's property. Just as abuses occurred under Christianity, so too, many abuses occurred, and still occur under Islam. The difference between the two is that Islam ordains the taking of slaves during war, thus perpetuating slavery. Christianity does not. In slavery's perpetual existence, Islam has seen great abuses of slaves.

Everyone knows about the abuses of slaves in the new world. What do you know about the abuses of slaves under Islam? I found two very good books on slavery and Islam.

1. *"Slavery and Muslim Society in Africa"*, by Allan Fisher, pub in 1971, and
2. *"The Slave Trade Today"* by Sean O'Callaghan, pub in 1961.

Both books really opened my eyes to how terrible slavery under Islam really is. I use the present tense, because it is obvious that these abuses continue to this day.

I also have a number of other references concerning slavery in Islam. A general survey is Hughes Dictionary of Islam. It notes a few basic points:

- a. Slaves have no civil liberty, but are entirely under the authority of their owners.
- b. Slavery is in complete harmony with the spirit of Islam. Islam did make life better for the average slave, but Muhammad intended it to be a perpetual institution.
- c. Hughes also says that it is a righteous act to free a slave. I just find it hard to understand that the god who told Muhammad to take slaves later tells him it's good to free slaves?

In 'The Slave Trade Today', Sean O'Callaghan toured the Mideast and Africa and covertly visited many slave markets. Since Islam allows for slavery and slave trading, he was able to see much of the real world of Islamic slavery. Remember O'Callaghan saw this less than 40 years ago. This probably still continues today, albeit more discreetly.

In Djibouti he writes:

"Ten boys were ranged in a circle on the dais (used to display the slaves), their buttocks toward us. They were all naked, and I saw with horror that five had been castrated. The (slave dealer) said that usually 10% of the boys are castrated, being purchased by Saudi homosexuals, or by Yemenis, who own harems, as guards." p 75

"Why had the girls (female slaves who had just been sold) had accepted their fate without a murmur, the boys howled and cried?" "Simple" said the Somali, we tell the girls from a very early age – 7 or 8 that they are made for love, at age NINE we let them practice with each other, and a year later with the boys".

In Aden he writes:

"The Yemeni told me that the girls (slave girls used as prostitutes) were encouraged to have children, especially by white men. For if a slave girl had a white child, she was given a bonus of 20 pounds when the child was taken from her". As you can see, the child of a slave remained a slave, the owner could sell the child and make money. This sale is allowable under Islamic law.

"Only one offense was severely punished; attempting to escape from the harem... The wretched girl was stripped and spread eagle in the courtyard...punishment was administer by a eunuch, a huge powerful Negro who seemed to enjoy his task. 70 lashes were given."

"Because of this (the fact that eunuchs can perform sexually), the eunuch often has his penis removed as well as his testicles"! This is also legal under Islamic law, since it is preparing the slave for service.

In Saudi Arabia he writes:

'The slave population was estimated at 450,000"!Slave auctions are no longer held regularly, only in an alley in Mecca."

'I was awakened by shouts and screams coming from the courtyard. Rushing to the window I looked down to see a dozen slaves being herded through a door at the far end of the yard. They were being driven in like cattle by three hefty guards armed with long lashed whips. Even as I watched, one of the poor wretches, a Sudanese girl with huge breasts, received a savage lash across her naked buttocks let out a shriek of agony'

'As the next slave was led in, a murmur of excitement went up among the buyers and they crowded closer around the rostrum. He was a slender boy of about 12 years old with beautiful classical Arab features. Although much has been written about Arab brotherhood and solidarity, I knew that the Arab has no

compunction in enslaving his fellows should they fall into his hands.

The boy was naked and tried to cover his privates with his little hands and he ran up the steps of the rostrum.....there is an age old saying among the Bedouin: "A goat for use, a girl for enjoyment, but a boy for ecstasy". He (the now purchased slave boy) was claimed by a tall bearded Arab who led him from the rostrum with an arm around his waist".

This is just a portion of what O'Callaghan saw. This happens because Islam has made it legal for slavery. Yes, some of this is against Islam, but because Islam has made it into an institution, abuses will occur.

Remember, this happened just 35 years ago or so, and it is probably still happening today.

It is also noted that as the slaves get too old to perform service or sexually satisfy their masters, their masters 'manumits' the slaves. Now, aged, worn out, they are put out on the streets to fend for themselves. These ex-slaves are left to fend for themselves. Their former owner has committed a great, righteousness act in freeing a slave! He gets rid of the burdensome slave, and gets a bonus in heaven. What a religion!

In Fisher's book, other observations are recorded:

In Mecca:

"We take note of 20 tall Negroes in turbans walking near the Kaba. They are eunuch slaves and are employed as police in the great Mosque. There are about 50 of them all together."

"The streets are full of slaves... we see a few old slave women. They are recognized by the poverty of clothing... but we see nothing of the younger women slaves who are kept in the houses of the city."

"As we move along we see two or three very old men and women who look like black skeletons. If we go to the mosque at sunrise we shall see some of these, if we go at sunset they will be there too, and if we pass by at midnight, we shall see them there still .. Sleeping on the stones in their rags. They have no home but the mosque, and no food but what they receive in alms; (they were) turned out to seek the bounty of Allah, as their masters would say."

Speaking of how Saudi obtains so many black slaves: *"they (the slave traders) pose as Muslim missionaries who guide their compatriots (black African Muslims), to the Holy Places of Islam, to make the Pilgrimage, and be instructed in the Quran in Arabic."* Once transported, they are made into slaves.

"So with the connivance of the Saudi authorities the ancient trade in black ivory is perpetuated in our time in spite of the international conventions".

Fisher also notes that white slaves are most highly prized.

Another interesting comment I've come across is that there were regions in black Africa that Muslim missionaries wouldn't go into. The reason is that if those blacks became Muslim, they could no longer enslave them. So, the Muslims banned spreading the word of Islam among certain black tribes. It was from these tribes that local Muslim rulers would harvest slaves, and sell them throughout the Islamic world.

Time and time again, slavery in Islam is abused. The west has finished with slavery, Islam continues it, and with that, the abuses go on.

A recent article on the slavery in Sudan is found in Newsweek, Oct. 12, 1992. Since that time, there have been numerous articles written by every form of press on Islamic slavery in Sudan. Basically, southern Sudanese, who are not Muslim, are attacked, and rounded up, and sold into slavery. Anyone willing to do a search at a library could find these articles

quite easily.

Lastly, I remember watching a Tony Brown's Journal show. It covered the slavery existing in Muslim lands today, the torture of slaves, the hobbling by breaking the young boys ankles, the seizure of Negro lands by Arabs, etc. Anyone is able to call the show and order this tape. A Negro Muslim from Mauritania was on the show. He described what the Arabs in Mauritania were doing to the Negroes (all Muslim) there. Recent human rights publications have also stated that the same is happening in Mali. Arab Muslims are forcibly taking land, and enslaving Negro Muslims there.

Just a short while ago, a group of Negro pastors in the US, formed a group to combat Islamic slavery amongst the blacks, both Muslim and non-Muslim in Africa. The information on this can be found in the August 1997 issue of Charisma magazine, and in the 11-17-97 issue of Christianity. The group is called "*Harambee*" and is affiliated with the Loveland Church in Los Angeles, CA.

Islam, when compared to Christianity is a step backwards; a step into "*justification*" of the enslavement of others.

Sudan Cries Rape

Former captives recount the crime of boy rape in Sudan

By Maria Sliwa

As he began speaking, Majok lowered his small coca-colored

eyes and stared intensely at the ground. It was the summer of 2002 and I had just flown thousands of miles deep into the war zone of Sudan, the largest country in Africa, to interview former slaves.

Majok, then 12, tightly hugged his long, bony legs, as we sat on the parched termite-infested ground. His ragged black shorts and ripped oversized tee-shirt hung loosely on his spindly, dust covered body. He spoke of the way he was repeatedly raped and sodomized by gangs of government soldiers, as I watched a continuous flow of tears pour down his precious adolescent face.

“They raped me,” Majok cried. “And when I tried to refuse they beat me.”

After he worked all day taking care of his master’s cattle, Majok said he was often raped at night. He told me that his rapes were very painful and he would rarely get a full night’s sleep.

He also spoke about the other slave boys he saw who suffered his same fate. “I saw with my eyes other boys get raped,” Majok said. “He [the master] went to collect the other boys and took them to that special place.^[1] I saw them get raped.”

Yal, another adolescent, had multiple scars on his arms and legs that he said came from the numerous bamboo beatings he received while in captivity. He told me he saw three slaves killed and one whose arm was hacked off at the elbow because he tried to run away. Yal also said he saw other boys raped by his master at his master’s house.

“At the time they were raped they were crying the whole day,” Yal said. He then told me that he, too, was raped.

Since 1989, Sudan’s extremist government, which is seated in the North, has been waging war against its diverse populace. The battle is over land, oil, power and religion, by a

government that is made up of some of Africa's most aggressive Arab Islamists, says Jesper Strudsholm, Africa correspondent for Politiken.

Animist and Christian black Africans in Southern Sudan and the Nuba Mountains, have paid a price for refusing to submit to the North. Over 2 million have died as a result of this war, according to the U.S. Committee for Refugees. Often trapped in the fray, are surviving victims the government soldiers capture as slaves. Human rights and local tribal groups estimate the number of enslaved ranges from 14,000 to 200,000.

Though thousands still remain enslaved in the North, since 2003, the genocide and slave raiding in South Sudan and the Nuba Mountains has been suspended because of a ceasefire. Amnesty International, however, reports that the government continues to attack black African Muslims in Darfur, Western Sudan. According to Sudan expert, Eric Reeves, more than 1,000 people are dying every week in Darfur because of government attacks, and "the numbers are sure to rise." Amnesty also reports that surviving victims have been raped and abducted by government soldiers during these raids. International law recognizes both slavery and rape in the context of armed conflict as "crimes against humanity."

As I questioned the former slaves, village leaders, my translators, and many Sudanese immigrants living in the United States, it became apparent that the tribal society in which Majok and the other slaves were born has strict taboos about sex—especially male-to-male sex. I was told that although many villagers are aware that young male slaves are raped while in captivity, it isn't discussed because of the cultural prohibitions on all forms of male-to-male sex—including rape.

In fact, male-to-male sex is considered such an egregious act in South Sudan that if two males are found guilty of having consensual sex with each other they are killed by a firing squad, according to Aleu Akechak Jok, an appellate court judge

for the South. If a male is found guilty of raping a male or female, only the perpetrator is shot to death, Jok said.

Jok's description of Southern Sudan's punishment for consensual male-to-male sex is not too different from Sharia law in Northern Sudan, which imposes a death penalty on those found guilty of homosexuality.

Village leaders told me that male rape victims, who are able to escape slavery in the North and return to their villages, often consign themselves to a life filled with guilt, while suffering silently and alone.

"This affects their minds badly," Nhial Chan Nhial, a chief of one of the villages in Gogrial County said with anger. "When they return to us, many of these boys have fits of crying, mental problems, and are unable to marry later on in life."

I worried about Majok and the other boys I had interviewed. These boys were all adolescent and pre-adolescent ages. Many of them told me that their violent experience of rape was their very first introduction to sex.

When captured, Ayiel, 14, said he was forced to watch the gang-rape of his two sisters and says he too was raped numerous times. He described his experience as "very painful," and said he never saw his sisters again after that incident.

Perhaps the most graphic account of male rape was given by Aleek. "I watched my master and four Murahaleen [soldiers] violently gang-rape a young Dinka slave boy," Aleek said. "The boy was screaming and crying a lot. He was bleeding heavily, as he was raped repeatedly. I watched his stomach expand with air with each violent penetration. The boy kept screaming. I was very frightened, and knew I was likely next. Suddenly the boy's screams stopped as he went completely unconscious. My master took him to the hospital. I never saw him again."

Many of the boys told me that in order to avoid rape some of

the male slaves tried to escape, but were quickly hunted down by their captors. They said that the punishment for resisting rape is severe beatings, limb amputation or death.

Mohammed, a Bagarra nomad, who has helped to free slaves, broke down in tears as he spoke. "What they are doing in the North is against the Koran," he explained. "Allah says that no man should be a slave to another man, but all should be a slave to Allah." Mohammed said that as a Muslim he was heartbroken the extremists have perverted his religion into a political weapon to torture and oppress people.

When I arrived in Sudan, Ngong – one in a group of five former female slaves that I interviewed – told me that children were raped while in captivity.

"Yes, I saw with my eyes them raped, boys and girls," Ngong said.

Though I knew about the rape of slave girls, I did not know this could also be happening to boys. I decided to investigate this further when two females from the same group said they had seen slave boys taken away at night to the "special place" for rape.

I interviewed a total of 15 male slaves, for one to two hours each. Six of the boys interviewed said they were raped and the majority of these six said they were eyewitnesses to other boys being raped. Most of these six boys said they were raped numerous times, by more than one perpetrator. Some of the boys gave the full names and the home towns of the men they said had raped them.

Though *five* in this group of 15 boys said *they were not raped*, they did say they were either sexually harassed or were eyewitnesses to other slave boys being raped. Only *four* of the 15 boys interviewed said they were not raped or sexually harassed, and were not eyewitnesses to the rape of other boys. All of the boys said they were never sexually abused or raped

prior to their enslavement.

In 2004, the rape of boy slaves is not unique to young Sudanese males, as recently exposed in a “CNN Presents” documentary “Easy Prey: Inside the Child Sex Trade.” Sadly, the ugly arm of slavery reaches far beyond Sudan and shockingly touches every continent except Antarctica. Slavery expert Kevin Bales of Free the Slaves (FreeTheSlaves.net) says there are approximately 27 million slaves worldwide. To date, however, there has been no comprehensive report on how many male slaves have been traumatized by rape.

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[1] The “special place” was described to me by former slaves as a clearing in the bush where slaves were usually taken by their captors for rape.