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WRITING ABOUT STRONGLY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEFS ALMOST ASSURES THAT SOMEONE WILL BE OFFENDED. OUR POSITION REGARDING ISLAM MUST BE CLEAR. WE REGARD IT AS A HIGHLY ENERGIZED AND POWERFUL FAITH THAT COMMANDS THE LOYALTY AND DEVOTION OF MANY MILLION FOLLOWERS. LIKE ALL RELIGIONS, IT CONSISTS OF EXTREME AND MODERATE ELEMENTS WHOSE RELATIVE NUMBER AND INFLUENCES ARE NOT ALWAYS CLEAR.

ISLAM'S RELATION TO THE WORLD IN WHICH WE ALL MUST EXIST IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY ITS HAVING ITS OWN LAWS REGARDING HUMAN, CIVIC AND CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR. SHARIA, ISLAMIC LAW, IS AN ACCEPTED PART OF ISLAMIC LIFE IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. WE DO NOT THINK IT SHOULD BE IMPOSED ON OTHER PARTS UNLESS IT HAS WIDE POPULAR APPROVAL.

AS A RELIGION, WE BELIEVE ISLAM HAS THE RIGHT TO PRACTICE ITS FAITH WHEREVER IT WISHES AS LONG AS IT DOES SO PEACEFULLY WITHOUT VIOLENCE OR PAIN TO OTHERS AND WITH RESPECT FOR THE LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF THE COUNTRIES IT INHABITS AND OTHER FAITHS AROUND THE WORLD.

CORRECTION: IN OUR PREVIOUS ISSUE WE DESCRIBED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE IMAM TO THE MOSQUE WHICH HE SERVES AND PROBABLY GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HIS POSITION EXERCISED ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY. THIS IS NOT CORRECT. A KNOWLEDGEABLE SUBSCRIBER HAS INFORMED US THAT THE TYPICAL IMAM IS A CIVIL SERVANT HIRED TO LEAD PRAYERS AND TO DELIVER THE FRIDAY SERMON.

INTRODUCTION

IN OUR LAST ISSUE WE IDENTIFIED EXPANSIONIST ISLAM AS A MAJOR WORLD FORCE WITH THE POWER TO THREATEN OTHER RELIGIOUS FAITHS AND THE POLITICAL SYSTEMS WITH WHICH THEY ARE OFTEN ENTWINED. FOR MUCH OF ASIA, AFRICA AND THE NEAR EAST THIS IS, AND FOR CENTURIES HAS BEEN, HISTORICAL FACT.

FOR EUROPE, THE PROCESS IS MORE RECENT. THERE WERE PENETRATIONS, AT FIRST THROUGH SPAIN AND THEN LATER THROUGH THE BALKANS, BY ARMED FORCES WHICH WERE DEFEATED. TODAY'S RAPIDLY INCREASING ISLAMIC PRESENCE IS VERY MUCH A WORK IN PROGRESS, AND ACCELERATED PROGRESS AT THAT.

ADMISSION HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, CITIZENSHIP GRANTED, LABOR FORCES JOINED, ENCLAVES ESTABLISHED, LOCAL LAWS DISREGARDED OR COMPROMISED, POPULATIONS

DIVIDED AND THEIR DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERS AND PROCESS SUBJECTED TO VIOLENT ASSAULT.

IN GENERAL, THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THAT HAVE RAISED THEIR CIVILIZATION TO LEVELS NOT FOUND ELSEWHERE, HAVE LACKED THE ENERGY, THE COURAGE AND THE HONESTY TO RESPOND IN WAYS DESIGNED TO PROTECT THEIR HOMELANDS' CULTURES, TERRITORIES AND INSTITUTIONS. THEIR FUTURE IS GRIM NOW, WITH THE LIKELY PROSPECT OF BECOMING EVEN GRIMMER.

AMERICA IS AT A DIFFERENT STAGE — THAT OF AN IMPENDING CRISIS CLEARLY VISIBLE TO THOSE WILLING TO RECOGNIZE IT, AND DENIED BY OTHERS WITH DIFFERENT INTERESTS AND MOTIVES. UNFORTUNATELY, OUR POLITICAL ELITE IS COUNTED AMONG THE LATTER. THE POLITICAL COST OF IDENTIFYING THIS PROBLEM IS TOO HIGH BECAUSE IT WOULD

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ANTAGONIZE THE MULTICULTURAL ELEMENT AND ITS "INCLUSION AT ANY COST" ALLIES ON THE EXTREME LEFT.

IN DISCUSSING THE PRESENT AND GROWING IMPACT OF ISLAM IN AMERICA WE ARE FACED WITH ANOTHER OF THOSE METAPHORICAL "WOLFMAN MEETS GODZILLA" MOMENTS IN WHICH TWO, OR MORE, PRIMARY ISSUES FIND THEMSELVES JOINED BY TIME AND/OR CIRCUMSTANCE. ALL TOO OFTEN, AS NOW, THE RESULT IS THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THEIR ELECTED "LEADERS", AND ESPECIALLY THE LATTER, ARE NOT ABLE TO DISCERN THE EMERGING SHAPE OF THESE FORCES AS THEY COMBINE. THEY CONTINUE TO FIX THEIR ATTENTION ON THE ISSUE OF THEIR ORIGINAL FOCUS AND THEREBY MISS MUCH OF IMPORTANCE IN WHAT HAS BECOME A NEW, LARGER AND MORE COMPLEX ISSUE.

OUR "LEADERSHIP" IS NOW AT SUCH A MOMENT REGARDING ISLAM'S PRESENCE IN AMERICA, ALTHOUGH THE AMERICAN PUBLIC SEEMS TO BE CONSIDERABLY MORE ATTUNED TO AND AWARE OF ITS POTENTIAL FOR DANGER.

HERE WE MUST RESTATE THE ENDURING PARADOX THAT FACES ANYONE ENGAGED IN DISCUSSING, ANALYZING OR EVALUATING ISLAM'S TEACHINGS AND ACTIVITIES — SPIRITUAL OR SECULAR.

ISLAM IS NOT A RELIGION THAT CAN BE DESCRIBED AS "ONE FAITH, ONE PEOPLE". THERE IS MILITANT ISLAM (MI), COMPOSED OF EXTREME, JIHADIST GROUPS THAT ESPOUSE VIOLENCE, TORTURE AND A LITERAL READING OF THE QURAN AND THE LEGAL CODE (SHARIA) WHICH IT COMMANDS. THE OTHER ISLAM IS EQUALLY COMMITTED TO THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD, BUT EXPRESSES ITS REVERENCE IN A QUIETER, MORE PRIVATE AND MORE SCHOLARLY MANNER. AND SPREAD THROUGHOUT ARE A NUMBER OF SECTS (SUNNIS, SHIITES, SUFIS, ALAWITES AND OTHERS) MARKED BY HISTORIC ENMITIES, BOTH RELIGIOUS AND TRIBAL FOR WHOM ANGER, VIOLENCE AND DEATH ARE OFTEN THE DOMINANT FORCES IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH THEIR FELLOW MUSLIMS.

THE ALMOST DAILY SUICIDE BOMBINGS IN IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN AND OTHER MUSLIM COUNTRIES ARE THE MEANS BY WHICH THESE HOSTILITIES SEEM TO BE ASSURED "ETERNAL LIFE", OR SOMETHING CLOSE TO IT. AND YET, THE BOMBERS AND THE BOMBED ALL DERIVE FROM THE SAME GENETIC AND SPIRITUAL SOURCE.

WHAT MAKES THIS MUSLIM PARADOX SO DIFFICULT FOR NON-MUSLIMS, ESPECIALLY WESTERNERS, TO PENETRATE IS THAT THERE IS

NO PUBLIC CONDEMNATION, OR EVEN CRITICISM, OF MI'S VIOLENCE AND BLOODSHED BY ITS MORE MODERATE FELLOW MUSLIMS. THEY MAY EXPRESS THEIR PRIVATE REGRET, BUT WILL NOT ISSUE A FIRM, POWERFUL "CEASE AND DESIST" ORDER.

THIS IS CONFUSING TO THE WEST ON MORAL GROUNDS, BUT, AGAIN LIKE WOLFMAN AND GODZILLA, THE MODERATES' MORALITY IS NO MATCH FOR THE QURAN'S SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY THAT IS CLAIMED BY MI.

PARADOXES ARE OFTEN LIKE CHINESE BOXES — OPEN ONE, AND THERE'S ANOTHER. THIS IS CERTAINLY TRUE FOR THE WESTERN MIND CONTEMPLATING ISLAM. MODERATE ISLAM MAY BE UNABLE TO CONFRONT MI BECAUSE THE LATTER CAN PLAY ITS TRUMP CARD — SACRED SCRIPTURE; OR BECAUSE MODERATE ISLAM KNOWS AND FEARS THAT ANY VOICE THAT CHALLENGES MI MAY BE QUICKLY AND PERMANENTLY SILENCED.

THESE AND OTHER CONTRADICTIONS LEAD US TO ANOTHER, AND EVEN GREATER, PARADOX. IS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT A GENUINELY MODERATE ISLAM EXISTS A VALID ONE? WITH ISLAM, UNLIKE CHINESE BOXES, EACH QUESTION, AS IT IS REVEALED, GROWS LARGER, NOT SMALLER.

AT EVERY STEP OF OUR WAY WE ARE CHALLENGED BY THE GROWING NUMBER AND VARIETY OF DEFENSES OFFERED BY ISLAMIC THOUGHT AND FAITH.

THERE IS INHERENT CONFLICT BETWEEN MUSLIM SCRIPTURE AND THE WESTERN VALUES WHICH WE EMBODIED IN OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND THEN, AS WE ESTABLISHED OUR GOVERNMENT, IN OUR CONSTITUTION. FOR SOME OF OUR POLITICAL "LEADERS" IT WILL BE TEMPTING TO ABANDON OUR ORIGINS IN ORDER TO MAKE PEACE WITH THE PRESENT. WE SHOULD NOT LET THIS HAPPEN AND, HERE AGAIN, WE SUSPECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL PROVE TO BE BETTER INFORMED THAN THEIR "LEADERS".

FINALLY, WE HONOR THE PRINCIPLE THAT BELIEVERS IN ALL RELIGIONS MAY FOLLOW THEIR FAITHS IN THIS COUNTRY AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT CONTRADICT, SUBVERT OR BETRAY THOSE RIGHTS OF WORSHIP GRANTED TO US UNDER OUR CONSTITUTION.

BACKGROUND

OUR FRONTIER CLOSED IN 1912 WITH THE ADMISSION TO THE UNION OF ARIZONA, THE LAST OF THE FORTY-EIGHT CONTIGUOUS STATES. LOOKING BACK, THIS MAY APPEAR TO BE AN EVENT OF ONLY MODEST SIGNIFICANCE, BUT WITH THE END OF OUR CIVIL WAR IN 1865

IT BOOKENDED ALMOST A HALF CENTURY OF UNPARALLELED GROWTH IN MONEY AND POWER.

TELEPHONES, ELECTRIC LIGHTS, RAILROADS, AUTOMOBILES, AIRPLANES, ELEVATORS, HIGH RISE BUILDINGS, MOTION PICTURES, STEAMSHIPS, STEEL AND OIL ARE JUST SOME OF THE PRODUCTS THAT WERE DEVELOPED AND BECAME ESSENTIAL OPERATING PARTS OF OUR MANUFACTURING AND CONSUMING ECONOMY. AND, AS WE INCREASED OUR PRODUCTION AND OUR WEALTH, WE ALSO INCREASED OUR IMPORTATION OF IMMIGRANT LABOR.

FOR THE MOST PART IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THIS PHENOMENAL HALF-CENTURY THERE WERE ONLY SPORADIC OUTBREAKS OF FRICTION BETWEEN THE NEW ARRIVALS AND THEIR HOSTS. IMMIGRANT GROUPS FROM THE SAME ECONOMIC, RELIGIOUS OR NATIONAL BACKGROUNDS COULD, AND DID, SETTLE IN COMMUNITIES OF THEIR OWN IN WHICH THEY COULD MAINTAIN DIET, DRESS, ETC. CONNECTIONS WITH THEIR HOME CULTURE. BUT THEY DID SO WITH THE KEENEST ANTICIPATION OF BECOMING AMERICAN IN ALL THE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THEIR NEW LIFE, AND THERE WAS NOTHING THAT THEY BROUGHT WITH THEM FROM THEIR OLD WORLD THAT COULD PREVENT THEIR TRANSFORMATION.

THERE IT IS, OUR PROCESS OF ASSIMILATION, WHICH BECAME THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR NATIONAL IMMIGRATION POLICY UNTIL IT WAS ABANDONED IN 1965. IT WAS ASSIMILATION THAT ENABLED OUR GOVERNMENT TO REGULATE THE PACE OF IMMIGRATION SO THAT IT COULD RESPOND EFFICIENTLY TO THE COMPLICATED, AND OFTEN CONTRADICTORY, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEMANDS OF OUR SOCIETY.

IN ADDITION TO GOVERNMENT BEING ABLE TO REGULATE IMMIGRATION DURING THE CIVIL WAR TO WWI PERIOD THERE WAS ANOTHER ELEMENT CRITICAL TO ITS SUCCESS — MOST OF THE ENTERING MIGRANTS CAME FROM EUROPEAN CULTURES COMPATIBLE WITH OUR OWN.

THE GREAT IMMIGRATION SPIKES OF THE LAST DECADE OF THE 19TH CENTURY AND THE FIRST OF THE 20TH WERE FOLLOWED BY FAR FEWER ENTRIES IN THE FIVE DECADES FROM 1918-1968. DURING MOST OF THIS PERIOD OUR IMMIGRATION POLICY AND LAW WAS CONTROLLED BY THE MCCARRAN-WALTER ACT. THIS WAS A PERIOD WHEN AMERICANS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS SHOWED CONCERN OVER THE EMERGING THREATS POSED BY THE FASCIST AND COMMUNIST AGGRESSION IN EUROPE. UNDER MCCARRAN-WALTER ONE VIABLE REASON FOR DENIAL OF ADMISSION WAS BELIEF IN ANY POLITICAL SYSTEM ANTITHETICAL TO OUR OWN!

THAT, OF COURSE, IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE, BUT WE MUST KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS ACT ONCE SERVED AS OUR DECLARED US LAW AND POLICY. IT HAD DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO A PERCEIVED THREAT AND IT WAS UPHELD BY OUR COURTS!

WOLFMAN AND GODZILLA

THE WOLFMAN/GODZILLA METAPHOR SYMBOLIZES THE CLASH OF TWO SEEMINGLY SUPREME FORCES — A CONFRONTATION SO POWERFUL THAT IT LIES OUTSIDE OUR EXPERIENCE AND PERHAPS EVEN OUR IMAGINATION.

WE USE THIS IMAGE TO PORTRAY MODERN, EXPANDING ISLAM'S GROWING PRESENCE IN AMERICAN POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIFE. ITS POINTS OF CONTACT ARE GROWING IN NUMBER AND CONSEQUENCE, AS WE SHALL SHOW. BUT ON A LARGER SCALE THAN THAT OF OUR DAILY LIVES, WHERE WE FORM AND HOLD OUR NATIONAL VALUES, IT IS CAUSING A WIDENING RIFT BETWEEN OUR HISTORICAL TOLERANCE FOR THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHTS AND OPINION OF OTHERS AND OUR OWN NATIONAL, CULTURAL AND JUDICIAL SECURITY.

THIS IS NOT A SOLELY AMERICAN PROBLEM. THE ISLAMIC EXPANSION FILM HAS PLAYED, AND CONTINUES TO PLAY, IN ALL THE POLITICAL THEATRES IN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE AROUND THE WORLD, BUT, AS THE WORLD'S LEADING SUPERPOWER AND BECAUSE OUR SEX/MONEY DRIVEN CULTURE AND OUR MILITARY VENTURES MOST CONSISTENTLY OFFEND MUSLIM TEACHINGS, WE HAVE BECOME ISLAM'S PRIME TARGET.

WE WILL FIND THAT THE TOLERANCE AND OPENNESS EXPRESSED IN OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND CONSTITUTION ARE VIEWED BY ISLAMIC EXPANSIONISTS AS RULES (AND TOOLS) THAT PROVIDE THEM WITH RIGHTS QUITE OPPOSITE TO OUR NATIONAL INTEREST.

THIS CONSTITUTES AN ENORMOUS SHIFT IN THOUGHT AND POWER IN THIS COUNTRY. SADLY, IT COULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED WITHOUT THE COMPLIANCE OF SOME SEGMENTS OF OUR GENERAL POPULATION, OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR JUDICIARY.

THE DEVICES EMPLOYED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TAKE-OVER ARE THE SAME HERE AS ELSEWHERE. THEY INCLUDE THE MULTICULTURALIST TECHNIQUE OF DEMANDING SEPARATE AND PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR NON-NATIVE POPULATIONS AND THE CLAIMING OF "HUMAN" RIGHTS THAT SUPERSEDE THOSE OF THE HOST NATION'S CITIZENS. AGAIN, EUROPE PROVIDES A MODEL OF THE ISLAMIC EXPERIENCE.

IT IS PROBABLY NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT OUR CONSTITUTION OFFERS THE MOST GENEROUS FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR ADVANCED SOCIETIES THAT THE WORLD HAS KNOWN. IT HAS HAD A PROFOUND EFFECT UPON OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER AND PROGRESS, BUT IS NOW BEING ABUSED AND TURNED AGAINST OUR COUNTRY AND OUR VALUES BY THOSE WHO CANNOT ABIDE THEM.

VALUES HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN OUR FOUNDING AND OUR HISTORY, BUT TODAY SEEM TO BE UNDER ATTACK EQUALLY FROM EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL SOURCES, AS EVIDENCED BY OUR DYSFUNCTIONAL AND DEEPLY DIVIDED POLITICAL STRUCTURE.

EXPANDING ISLAM WOULD IMPOSE ITS OWN VALUES —RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL — ON OUR SOCIETY AS IT HAS ELSEWHERE. FOR AMERICA THIS WILL SET UP A CONFLICT BETWEEN OUR HISTORICAL VALUES AND THE SELF-SERVING INTERPRETATIONS OF OUR CONSTITUTION BY OTHERS THAT WE SEE GAINING GROUND. THESE TWO TRADITIONS HAVE BEEN SPLIT APART, AND UNLESS THEY ARE RESTORED TO THEIR RIGHTFUL IDENTITY AND RESPECT, WE WILL BE INCREASINGLY LESS ABLE TO RESIST ATTACK BY MI OR OTHERS. THIS IS THE NATURE OF OUR WOLFMAN/GODZILLA MOMENT.

ISLAMIC SCALE

THE SCALE OF ISLAM'S POTENTIAL IMPACT ON OUR INSTITUTIONS AND OUR PERSONAL LIVES IS HARD TO IMAGINE. AMERICANS HAVE NOT HAD TO LIVE WITH OR UNDER A COMPETING AUTHORITY SINCE OUR PRE-REVOLUTIONARY DAYS AND IT IS NOT BY ANY MEANS CLEAR HOW WE MIGHT REACT, BUT, WERE WE TO EXPERIENCE THE SAME DEGREE OF MUSLIM SETTLEMENT HERE AS HAS OCCURRED IN EUROPE, THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WE WOULD BE SPARED THE DEADLY POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ANGER AND VIOLENCE THAT NOW EXISTS IN ALL OF WESTERN EUROPE.

ISLAM IS IDEALLY FORMED TO STRIKE AT OUR INSTITUTIONS AND THE VALUES AND LAWS WE HAVE ASSIGNED TO THEM. THIS ASSIGNMENT HAS BEEN A CONTINUING PROCESS WHICH HAS CREATED AND ENCOURAGED TRADITIONS THAT ARE EXPRESSED IN OUR CIVIL, RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL LIFE — ALL AREAS WHICH ARE MARKEDLY DIFFERENT FROM THEIR ISLAMIC COUNTERPARTS.

FOR INSTANCE, WHILE THE US OFFERS FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS CHOICE TO ALL ITS RESIDENTS AND HAS NO "STATE" RELIGION, IT HAS A PREDOMINANTLY CHRISTIAN POPULATION. THE PROBABILITY OF 24/7 CONFLICT WITH AN EXPANDED ISLAMIC PRESENCE IS ASSURED.

THE SAME IS TRUE OF OUR LEGAL/JUDICIAL SYSTEM BASED ON ENGLISH LAW. ISLAM HAS ITS OWN LAW WHICH EMPLOYS MUTILATION, FLOGGING, DEATH BY STONING AND OTHER MEANS OF TORTURE WHICH IT CONSIDERS SUCCESSFUL ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS, BUT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE BY OUR VALUES OR LAWS.

OUR CONSTITUTION PROVIDES US WITH PROTECTION FOR OUR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND AGAINST "CRUEL AND INHUMAN PUNISHMENT", BUT IN THE NEWLY TO BE DEVELOPED MUSLIM COMMUNITY, (ONLY A COUPLE OF BLOCKS OR MILES DISTANT), WHICH VALUES, WHICH CODES (RELIGIOUS OR CIVIC) WILL PREVAIL?

AND WHAT WILL OUR RESPONSE BE? THE FIRST ATTEMPT BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL MOST PROBABLY INITIATE A LEGAL PROCESS IN WHICH THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY WILL CLAIM THAT NOT ONLY ITS "HUMAN" RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED, BUT ALSO THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS GUARANTEED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

IF VIOLENCE RESULTS, WHICH IS QUITE LIKELY, IT WILL BRING FORTH A FRENZY OF MEDIA AND POLITICAL COMMENT. AT THIS POINT WE MIGHT LIKE TO INDULGE THE BELIEF THAT OUR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP COULD PROMPTLY TAKE LEGISLATIVE OR EXECUTIVE ACTION TO REMEDY THE PROBLEM. WE WOULD BE WRONG. ANY NUMBER OF PHOTO-OPS AND STATEMENTS FROM CONGRESS, THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD ATTEMPT TO PLAY DOWN THE INCIDENT AND ASSURE MUSLIM OIL PRODUCERS THAT MATTERS ARE UNDER CONTROL. THE USUAL "INVESTIGATIONS" WILL BE PROMISED, BUT, OF COURSE, THEY TAKE TIME. ANOTHER REASON FOR EXPECTING A SOMEWHAT MUTED RESPONSE FROM THE CONGRESS IS THAT MANY OF ITS MEMBERS RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CAIR (COUNCIL ON AMERICAN ISLAMIC RELATIONS) AND OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS THAT REPRESENT ISLAMIC INTERESTS.

OF ALL THE INSTITUTIONS THAT WOULD COME UNDER ATTACK BY A GROWING ISLAMIC POPULATION SUCH AS WE NOW SEE IN EUROPE NONE IS MORE VULNERABLE TO ABUSE THAN OUR CONSTITUTION. IT IS ITS OWN GENEROSITY THAT ALLOWS ABUSE AND ITS OWN GIFTS THAT CAN BE TURNED AGAINST IT. AND THERE ARE ELEMENTS IN OUR SOCIETY THAT HAVE EXPLOITED ITS FREEDOMS FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES. THIS IS A TACTIC IN WHICH WE DO NOT NEED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.

JUST AS ISLAM'S INSTITUTIONAL IMPACT CAN BE WIDESPREAD, IT CAN EXERT A SIMILARLY POWERFUL FORCE ON INDIVIDUAL LIVES. IT MAKES CONSTANT AND SERIOUS DEMANDS AS TO ITS FOLLOWERS' DIET, WORSHIP, DRESS, PROCREATION, SEXUAL ACTIVITY, ART, EDUCATION, MARRIAGE/DIVORCE, AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THEIR LIVES. IT EXERCISES A DEGREE OF CONTROL IN MATTERS BOTH SPIRITUAL AND SECULAR THAT IS UNKNOWN IN OUR WESTERN RELIGIOUS PRACTICE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE OCCASIONAL EXTREME SECT DOMINATED BY A CULT FIGURE.

"THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD"

JANE KELLY, CONSULTING EDITOR OF THE SALISBURY REVIEW WRITING IN THE TELEGRAPH, DESCRIBES HOW MUSLIM IMMIGRATION HAS CHANGED ACTON, THE LONDON BOROUGH IN WHICH SHE HAS LIVED SINCE 1996. "THE SCALE OF IMMIGRATION OVER RECENT YEARS HAS CREATED COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT LONDON THAT NEVER NEED TO — OR WANT TO — INTERACT WITH OUTSIDERS¹."

ONE MILLION OF LONDON'S POPULATION OF 8.17 MILLION ARE NOW MUSLIM WHICH, AS A PERCENTAGE, IS ABOUT EQUAL TO SOME OF OUR BETTER KNOWN MINORITIES, BUT "BECAUSE SO MANY MUSLIMS INCREASINGLY INSIST ON EMPHASIZING THEIR SEPARATENESS, IT FEELS AS IF THEY HAVE TAKEN OVER"². SHE DESCRIBES HOW THIS NEW SOCIAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS SEGMENT HAS ASSUMED CONTROL OF PUBLIC AREAS SUCH AS STREETS AND PARKS, "SHOUTING 'THIS IS A MUSLIM AREA' AT WHITE BRITONS"³ AND BANNING ALCOHOL AND DRESS CONSIDERED UNSUITABLE BY MUSLIM STANDARDS. AND SHE FOUND HERSELF CALLED TO DEFEND CATS AND DOGS FROM ABUSE BY MUSLIM RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THE RESCUE OF "A DOG THAT HAD BEEN KEPT IN A FREEZING SHED FOR MONTHS"⁴.

THIS TYPE OF INTERACTION BETWEEN IMMIGRANT MUSLIMS AND THEIR HOSTS IS NOT UNUSUAL. QUITE TO THE CONTRARY, IT HAS BECOME THE NEW NORMAL, IF NOT THE RULE, THROUGHOUT EUROPE. AND BEHIND THE FREQUENT PAIN AND ANTAGONISMS THERE ARE STATISTICS THAT TELL THE SAME STORY, ONLY IN NUMBERS RATHER THAN WORDS.

LONDON, AS THE SEAT OF BRITISH EMPIRE, HAS EXPERIENCED HIGH IMMIGRATION FROM AROUND THE WORLD FOR ALMOST TWO CENTURIES. ITS MIXED POPULATION COULD ACCEPT THE CONTACTS REQUIRED BY COMMERCE, TRANSIT AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, BUT AT THE WORKING DAY'S END THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL GROUPS WOULD DIVIDE AND RETURN TO THEIR OWN HOMES, FRIENDS, FAMILIES. THIS SAME PROCESS HAS BEEN NOTED IN OUR COUNTRY AND WE REFER TO IT AS "SUNDOWN SEGREGATION". THE MOST SIGNIFICANT NUMBER IN MS. KELLY'S ARTICLE MAY BE THAT "ACCORDING TO THE

OFFICE FOR NATIONAL STATISTICS, 600,000 WHITE BRITONS HAVE LEFT LONDON IN THE PAST 10 YEARS.”⁵

MRS. KELLY HAS RELUCTANTLY DECIDED TO LEAVE ACTON AND MOVE ELSEWHERE. HER CHOICE IS TINGED WITH THE SADNESS THAT COMES FROM BEING “FORCED” TO LEAVE, FROM HAVING TO PART WITH THE HOPES SHE HAD AND THE EFFORTS SHE MADE TO FIND A PERMANENT HOME IN ACTON, AND FROM THE REALIZATION, WE SUSPECT, THAT HUMAN NATURE AND RELIGION ARE NOT GUARANTORS OF PEACE, SAFETY OR EVEN MINIMAL GOOD WILL.

FINALLY, SHE MADE TWO VERY BRIEF, BUT ENORMOUSLY TELLING STATEMENTS. “THINGS HAVE CHANGED. I AM LIVING IN A PLACE WHERE I AM A STRANGER”; AND “MASS IMMIGRATION IS MAKING RELUCTANT RACISTS OF US ALL.”⁶ UNFORTUNATELY, SHE IS NOT ALONE, AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE IN EUROPE, AND NOW IN AMERICA (I.E. DETROIT, MI) SHARE HER SADNESS.

MRS. KELLY HAS WRITTEN ABOUT INTERACTION BETWEEN DEEPLY DIFFERENT AND WIDELY ANTAGONISTIC CULTURAL GROUPS. THE DIFFERENCES INCLUDE RELIGION, HISTORICAL TRADITION, HOW WE TREAT ANIMALS, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY RIGHTS, OUR OWN INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND, OF COURSE, POWER, BOTH REPRESSED AND EXPRESSED, OF ALL KINDS. IN ITS BRIEFEST FORM THIS INTERACTION CAN BE DEFINED AS A SOCIAL MECHANISM AND, IN MRS. KELLY’S PARTICULAR CASE, AS WHAT WE HAVE COLLOQUIALLY COME TO REFER TO AS “VOTING WITH OUR FEET” — I.E., LEAVING TOWN.

HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN? WHY DO WE DO THIS? MRS. KELLY’S ACCOUNT IS AN INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE, BUT BY NO MEANS UNIQUE. SHE IS, IN FACT, PART OF A GROWING TREND.

THE CHANGES IN THE MAKE-UP OF A COMMUNITY DO NOT OCCUR INSTANTLY. FOR INSTANCE, THE MIXTURE OF CORRUPTION, ETHNICITY AND ECONOMIC/POLITICAL DETERIORATION THAT HAS LEVELED DETROIT HAS BEEN IN PROCESS FOR ALMOST A HALF CENTURY.⁷ SIMILARLY A NEW, IMMIGRANT SEGMENT WITHIN AN ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY CAN QUIETLY INCREASE IN SIZE AND NUMBER UNTIL IT BECOMES A RECOGNIZED COMMUNITY OF ITS OWN WITH SUFFICIENT POLITICAL, SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC STATUS TO COMMAND SEPARATE ATTENTION.

IN THIS WAY, IN ALL OF ENGLAND (NOT JUST IN MRS. KELLY’S LONDON) MUSLIM COMMUNITIES HAVE FORMED AND GROWN INTO MUSLIM ONLY CENTERS WHERE THEIR OWN TRADITIONS, AND EVEN LAWS, ARE PRACTICED AND OBSERVED. AS MRS. KELLY SAW HER ENGLAND DISAPPEARING IN ACTON, HER EVENTUAL DECISION TO MOVE AND LIVE ELSEWHERE BECAME INEVITABLE.

WE ARE NOW EXPERIENCING A PROCESS OF MUSLIM GROWTH IN AMERICA VERY SIMILAR TO THAT IN ENGLAND. TODAY, THERE ARE ABOUT 7 MILLION MUSLIMS IN AMERICA⁸ WHICH, WHILE IT AMOUNTS TO ONLY 2.3% OF OUR POPULATION, CAN SERVE NOTICE OF FUTURE PROBLEMS.

THESE PROBLEMS WILL DERIVE FROM THE SAME MUSLIM MODEL THAT WE HAVE OBSERVED AT WORK IN EUROPE. THE QURAN COMMANDS MUSLIMS TO HAVE LARGE FAMILIES WHICH THEY DO WITH THE RESULT THAT TIME WORKS QUIETLY AND SURELY TO THEIR ADVANTAGE. SO ALSO DOES THEIR DETERMINED RESISTANCE TO THE GOAL OF ASSIMILATION WHICH CONTRADICTS MUCH OF WHAT THE QURAN PRESCRIBES FOR FAITHFUL MUSLIMS.

THERE IS NO CLEARER EVIDENCE OF THE CONFLICT BETWEEN ISLAMIC CULTURE AND OUR OWN THAN THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARDS ASSIMILATION. IT HAS BEEN THE BEDROCK OF OUR IMMIGRATION POLICY FOR WELL OVER A CENTURY WHEREAS ISLAM WILL HAVE NONE OF IT. IT IS OUR COUNTRY, BUT EXPANSIONIST ISLAM MAKES ITS OWN RULES IN THE CLOSED-DOOR PRIVACY OF ITS MUSLIM ONLY COMMUNITIES.

THE ROLE OF ISLAM IN AMERICA AND THE ROLE OF ISLAMIC LEADERSHIP AND MOSQUES IN THE AREAS THEY INHABIT ARE PRIVATE MATTERS FROM WHICH AMERICANS ARE LARGELY EXCLUDED. AND YET WE ARE VITALLY CONCERNED WITH THE SOCIAL CONTRACT THAT HAS TO BE DRAWN AND ACCEPTED BY HOST AND IMMIGRANT ALIKE.

SECRECY REGARDING ACTIVITIES WITHIN MUSLIM ENCLAVES IS COMMON AND OFTEN SHIELDS SECULAR, AS WELL AS SPIRITUAL, EFFORTS. AND, WHEN INQUIRIES ARE MADE BY MEDIA OR LAW ENFORCEMENT BODIES, THEY ARE GENERALLY RESISTED BY CLAIMING OUR CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION.

THE ENSUING LITIGATION IS ALWAYS PROTRACTED, AS WE ARE WITNESSING IN THE PROSECUTION OF MAJOR HASAN FOR THE FORT HOOD MURDERS. TRIAL IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY OF THIS YEAR, FOUR YEARS SINCE THESE KILLINGS IN FULL PUBLIC VIEW OCCURRED. WE HAVE NO INKLING OF WHAT FORM THE DEFENDING COUNSEL’S ARGUMENT WILL TAKE, BUT FEEL CERTAIN THAT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IT WILL INCLUDE RELIGIOUS PROTECTION.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT GUARANTEE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS SO BROAD THAT IT OFFERS REFUGE FOR MANY KINDS OF BOGUS CLAIMS. HASAN MAY OR MAY NOT ATTEMPT TO WRAP HIMSELF IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT’S BLANKET, BUT AS PROTECTIVE AS IT IS, THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS WHICH IT IS THE COURT’S DUTY TO APPLY.

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THE PRESENT CONFLICT OVER THE FREEDOMS OUR CONSTITUTION GRANTS AND HOW WE (I.E., OUR JUDICIAL, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS) ALLOW OTHERS TO USE, OR MISUSE, THEM HAS GAINED IN STATUS TO THAT OF A MAJOR ISSUE IN THE LAST HALF CENTURY. IT WAS SOMETHING THAT IN OUR FOUNDERS TIME AND TEMPER COULD NOT HAVE BEEN IMAGINED. AFTER ALL, HAVING FOUGHT AND WON A WAR OF INDEPENDENCE FROM EUROPE’S FOREMOST POWER AND ESTABLISHED A NEW AND DIFFERENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT WITH ITS OWN UNIQUE RULES AND REGULATIONS, THEY COULD NOT FORESEE A TIME WHEN PEOPLE WITHOUT THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP COULD CLAIM CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION.

THE MATTER OF ISLAMIC EXPANSION, INVOLVING AS IT DOES RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL AND IMMIGRATION ISSUES, TOUCHES LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE. THERE ARE MANY OTHER AREAS IN WHICH WE FIND OUR CONSTITUTION’S LANGUAGE USED TO DEFEND WHAT SEEM LIKE INDEFENSIBLE CLAIMS AGAINST OUR NATION’S PHILOSOPHIC, CULTURAL, LEGAL OR OTHER RESOURCES.

THE PRIME FORCE BEHIND THESE KINDS OF CLAIMS HAS BEEN THE DIVISION OF OUR COUNTRY INTO EASILY LABELED, BUT DIFFICULT TO SATISFY, GROUPS, ALL WITH THEIR

OWN SPECIFIC AND URGENT NEEDS THAT GOVERNMENT MUST RECOGNIZE AND MEET. THOSE WHO WIELD THIS FORCE DO SO UNDER THE BANNERS OF MULTICULTURALISM AND POLITICAL CORRECTNESS. UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT THEY LACK IN POLITICAL OR PHILOSOPHIC VALIDITY THEY MORE THAN MAKE UP FOR IN THEIR ABILITY TO COW OUR “LEADERS” IN ALL THREE BRANCHES OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

LOOK AROUND, AND WE CAN EASILY SEE EVIDENCE OF THE MISUSE OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION — IN OUR ELECTORAL PROCEDURES, EDUCATION SYSTEM, IMMIGRATION, THE IRS, EMPLOYMENT, ETHNICITY AND MORE. THESE ARE ALL AREAS IN WHICH THE NORMAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS HAVE BEEN DEEMED TO BE INSUFFICIENT AND CLAIMS HAVE BEEN MADE, AND GRANTED, TO EXTEND THEM BEYOND THEIR ORIGINAL INTENT.

SUPERPOWER SHADOWS

THE SUPERPOWER CLASS IS A SMALL ONE. ROME MAINTAINED ITS STATUS FOR OVER 500 YEARS; COMMERCIAL VICTORIAN ENGLAND CIRCLED THE GLOBE AND LASTED THROUGH THE FIRST DECADE OF THE 20TH CENTURY FOR 73 YEARS; POSTWAR AMERICAN DOMINANCE IS NOW IN ITS SIXTY-EIGHTH YEAR. NAPOLEON’S FRANCE BROUGHT EUROPE TO ITS KNEES AND EXTENDED ITS REACH INTO EGYPT AND RUSSIA, BUT HIS ERA WAS A BRIEF ONE OF SLIGHTLY MORE THAN A DECADE. SIMILARLY, ADOLF HITLER’S THOUSAND YEAR REICH LASTED ONLY TWELVE YEARS.

THE SHADOWS THAT SUPERPOWERS CAST ARE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR POLICIES AND ACTIONS, AS THESE VAST WIELDERS OF POWER LEAD DIFFERENT POLITICAL LIVES THAN SMALL COUNTRIES. THE US LEADS THE WORLD IN ALL KINDS OF THINGS — IMMIGRATION, FOREIGN MILITARY BASES, DEBT, MILITARY EXPENDITURES, NUCLEAR WEAPONS, ARMAMENT SALES, FOREIGN AID, AND OTHERS. A SMALLER COUNTRY SUCH AS SWITZERLAND, SINGAPORE, FINLAND, GUATEMALA OR PERU IS NOT BURDENED BY THESE MATTERS. INSTEAD, THEY ARE REFLECTED IN THEIR FOREIGN RELATIONS WITH THE US.

FOR YEARS, GLOBAL WEALTH WAS DETERMINED BY NATIONAL STOCKPILES OF GOLD AND SILVER. THESE TWO MONETARY MINERALS, LIKE COAL, OIL AND WATER, WERE DISTRIBUTED BY NATURE. SOME COUNTRIES HAD THEM AND OTHERS DIDN’T. WHILE WE WERE ON THE GOLD STANDARD, ITS ACCUMULATION DEFINED WEALTH AND POWER, AND ALL CURRENCIES WERE VALUED BY THE GOLD THAT SUPPORTED THEM.

IN THE COMPETITIVE POSTWAR PERIOD MANY NATIONS, THE US INCLUDED, NO LONGER WANTED THEIR CURRENCIES TO BE TIED TO THE PRICE OF GOLD. POLITICS INTERVENED, AND MANY DIFFERENT BLOCS DEVELOPED THAT CONDUCTED THEIR TRADE AND TIED THEIR MONETARY VALUES TO A SINGLE COMMON CURRENCY, BUT NOT ALL CURRENCIES WERE FREELY TRADEABLE AND CONVERTIBLE IN ALL BLOCS.

STILL, IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE INTERNATIONAL BANKING PRACTICES, ONE CURRENCY HAD TO BE STRONGER AND FREER AND AVAILABLE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO BECOME A STANDARD OR, AS IT CAME TO BE KNOWN, THE WORLD’S RESERVE CURRENCY. FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE 19TH CENTURY THROUGH WWII THE ENGLISH POUND HAD SERVED AS THE RESERVE CURRENCY. TODAY THE DOLLAR HAS THAT STATUS, AND WE HAVE MADE IT A VERY RISKY ONE FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS BY OUR EXCESSIVE SPENDING. AT THE CENTER OF A COMPLICATED MIX OF WORLD BANKING AND TRADE IS A VERY SIMPLE FACT — OTHER COUNTRIES MUST BUY DOLLARS; THE US CAN PRINT THEM.

BY DOING SO, WE CHEAPEN BOTH OUR OWN DOLLAR AND THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES, THEREBY CREATING A DECIDEDLY UNEVEN PLAYING FIELD AND CAUSING WIDESPREAD RESENTMENT. WITHOUT THE FORMER ANCHOR OF ATTACHMENT TO GOLD OUR SPENDING/BORROWING POLICIES HAVE HAD INFLATIONARY CONSEQUENCES HERE AND ABROAD, AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO INDICATION THAT WE WILL CHANGE.

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THE US AND EUROPE ARE THE TWO LARGEST ECONOMIC MARKETS IN THE WORLD WITH THE LATTER HAVING GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY UNDER THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COMBINATION ESTABLISHED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU). TO A LARGE EXTENT THIS UNION SERVED AS A LABORATORY FOR MANY THEORIES AND PRACTICES WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBSERVE WITHOUT THE RESTRICTIONS OR DUTIES OF MEMBERSHIP.

ISLAMIC EXPANSION IN POPULATION, PURCHASING POWER, POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND CULTURE IN WESTERN EUROPE OVER THE PAST TWO GENERATIONS HAS BEEN THE INESCAPABLE, AND MOSTLY UNCOMFORTABLE, RESULT OF MANY INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS’ POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES. SOME OF THESE HAVE ROOTS THAT TRACE BACK AS FAR AS THE 19TH CENTURY’S TRANSFORMATION BY THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION WITH ITS REDRAWING OF TIME AND DISTANCE BOUNDARIES BY STEAM POWERED TRANSPORTATION ON LAND AND SEA.

EUROPE, LIKE THE US, IS NOW FACED WITH SERIOUS IMMIGRANT ASSIMILATION PROBLEMS. IN 2010 EU MEMBER STATES HAD ABOUT 3 MILLION ARRIVALS AND 2 MILLION DEPARTURES FOR A NET GAIN OF 1 MILLION. OF THE 3 MILLION ARRIVALS BRITAIN ACCOUNTED FOR 591,000 FOLLOWED BY SPAIN (465,200), ITALY (455,900) AND GERMANY (404,100)⁹.

WE ARE WITNESSING A WAR OF CULTURES, AS MUCH AS NUMBERS, IN TODAY’S ISLAMIC DOMINATED IMMIGRATION PATTERNS, AS SPAIN AND ITALY HAVE LONG BEEN THE HOME CENTER OF EUROPEAN CATHOLICISM AND GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY ITS TWO STRONGEST PILLARS OF PROTESTANTISM. FRANCE WOULD FIT INTO THE CATHOLIC GROUP, BUT ITS NUMBERS (251,200) HAVE BEEN KEPT LOW BY ITS DETERMINATION TO TRY TO PROTECT ITS CULTURE.

THERE IS NO ANSWER TO THE POLITICAL, ETHNIC,

“... OTHER COUNTRIES MUST BUY DOLLARS;
THE US CAN PRINT THEM.”

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY HIGH IMMIGRATION OTHER THAN ASSIMILATION. BRITAIN HAS FOLLOWED OUR PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE AND ALLOWED THE VOICES OF MULTICULTURAL POLITICS TO PREVAIL OVER THOSE OF REASON AND MATHEMATICS. IN DOING SO, EVENTUALLY THE INTERESTS OF BOTH THE HOST AND THE IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS WILL BE SACRIFICED AND THEN ABANDONED IN FAVOR OF THE NEXT POLITICAL MOMENT.

WITHOUT ASSIMILATION, IN THE END, THE NUMBERS WILL PREVAIL. IF THOSE FUTURE NUMBERS ARE, AS THEY ARE NOW, PREDOMINANTLY MUSLIM, OUR CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY AND WESTERN CULTURE WILL GIVE WAY TO MORE ISLAMIC FORMS THAT WILL RESEMBLE, OR EVEN REPLICATE, THOSE IN MUSLIM LANDS.

“... A FORCE THAT WE FEEL AND A FUTURE WE FEAR.”

MS. KELLY’S COMMENT THAT “MASS IMMIGRATION IS MAKING RELUCTANT RACISTS OF US ALL” IS NOT AN INDICTMENT OF OUR INDIVIDUAL BELIEFS OR VALUES, BUT IS A COLLECTIVE RECOGNITION OF A FORCE THAT WE FEEL AND A FUTURE WE FEAR. AS SUCH, IT IS A VALID STATEMENT.

HERE AGAIN, HOWEVER, WE CAN BE ATTACKED FOR WHAT OUR DEMOCRACY/CULTURE HAS ACCOMPLISHED AND OFFERS. OUR CULTURE IS MADE OF MANY STRANDS WHICH WE, OVER TIME, HAVE CHOSEN AND WOVEN INTO WHAT WE ARE. WHILE NOT PERFECT, OUR ACHIEVEMENT IS A LEGITIMATE SOURCE OF CULTURAL PRIDE WHICH IS CONSTANTLY SUBJECT TO ATTACK BY OUR ENEMIES UNDER THE LABEL OF “RACISM”. AS THESE ATTACKS ARE MET WITH LITTLE RESISTANCE FROM OUR POLITICAL “LEADERSHIP”, IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT THEY COULD GROW TO THE LEVEL WHERE, AS IN EUROPE, THEY DISRUPT AT FIRST THE HOST’S HOME CULTURE, AND THEN ITS POLITICAL STRUCTURE. WE MUST KEEP IN MIND THAT ANY ACCUSATION OF “RACISM” IS AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY CULTURE AND ITS VALUES.

TODAY THE EU IS THE NEXUS FOR ISLAMIC POPULATION, ECONOMIC, RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL GROWTH — ALL AT RATES SURPASSING THOSE OF THE HOST COUNTRIES. UNLESS THE EU CAN TAKE FIRM ACTION TO NOT ONLY RESIST, BUT ALSO TO REVERSE, THIS MUSLIM OCCUPATION, WESTERN EUROPE, AS WE HAVE KNOWN IT, WILL UNDERGO A SEVERE CULTURAL DISMANTLING AND CEASE TO EXIST.

CURRENTLY, SUCH ACTION CAN ONLY BE TAKEN BY COMMON AGREEMENT IN BRUSSELS, BUT THE BUREAUCRATS THERE ARE EITHER FEARFUL OF UNDERTAKING ANY REAL CONTROL EFFORTS OR ARE LURED BY THE BELIEF THAT THE ADDITION OF ISLAMIC CONTROLLED GOVERNMENT TO THE EU WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A BENIGN AND CONTINUOUS PROCESS BY WHICH THE BRUSSELS BUREAUCRACY COULD EXTEND ITSELF. IN EITHER CASE, THEY WOULD BE WRONG.

IN AMERICA, WE HAVE FRONT ROW SEATS THAT ENABLE US TO VIEW IN DETAIL THE ARRAY OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL RESULTS OF ISLAMIC EXPANSION. AND YET OUR GOVERNMENT, EVEN WITH THE BENEFIT OF THIS PREVIEW CAPABILITY, DOES EXACTLY WHAT BRUSSELS DOES — I.E., NOTHING. IN BOTH CASES, DETERMINEDLY DEMOCRATIC

GOVERNMENTS ARE INVOLVED AND ARE UNWILLING AND/OR UNABLE TO TAKE ANY ACTION THAT MIGHT BE SEEN/LABELED AS UNDEMOCRATIC (OR, MORE LIKELY, RACIST) EVEN IN DEFENSE OF THEIR OWN SECULAR AND SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS AND HISTORY.

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IN AMERICA WE HAVE TO BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE IN WRITING ABOUT ISLAM JUST AS WE TRY TO ACHIEVE THE SAME OBJECTIVITY ABOUT CHRISTIANITY OR OTHER RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL MOVEMENTS.

LET’S START WITH A SIMPLE NUMBER — 7 MILLION, THE NUMBER OF MUSLIMS IN OUR POPULATION OF ABOUT 315 MILLION. OUT OF THIS SEVEN MILLION WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MANY ARE JIHADISTS, HOW MANY MAY COMMIT MASS MURDER AS MAJOR HASAN IS ALLEGED TO HAVE DONE, HOW MANY WILL FORCE GENITAL MUTILATION OR CHILD MARRIAGES UPON THEIR DAUGHTERS, OR HOW MANY MAY KILL MEMBERS OF THEIR OWN FAMILY TO SATISFY THE MUSLIM CONCEPT OF “HONOR”. WE DO KNOW THAT, WHILE THESE ACTS ARE NOT CONDONED BY OUR CULTURE, THEY HAVE OCCURRED IN RECENT YEARS WITH DISTURBING FREQUENCY, BUT NO FIRM GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSE. BETTER TO IGNORE THEM AND NOT MAKE WAVES, LEST THEY DETRACT FROM OUR IMAGE OF INCLUSION, SEEMS THE PREVALENT ATTITUDE.

BUT THEY CANNOT BE IGNORED FOREVER, AS OUR POLITICAL OR POPULAR PASSIVITY WILL ONLY SERVE AS AN ATTRACTION TO THE FORCE OF MI SEEKING NEW AREAS IN WHICH TO SETTLE AND GROW, WHETHER BY SPIRITUAL CONVERSION, BREEDING OR ADDED IMMIGRATION. THIS MODEL HAS BEEN USED SUCCESSFULLY IN EUROPE FOR CLOSE TO FIFTY YEARS. IS THERE ANY REASON TO THINK THAT, GIVEN ITS SUCCESS, IT WILL BE ABANDONED AS IT MOVES WESTWARD?

NUMBERS HAVE DIFFERENT MEANINGS DEPENDING UPON WHAT WE LOOK FOR IN THEM. FOR INSTANCE, THE 7 MILLION NUMBER CITED ABOVE ELICITS A DIFFERENT RESPONSE WHEN APPLIED TO A BENIGN, NON-SECTARIAN POPULATION GROUP THAN IT DOES IN REFERENCE TO MI. THE NUMBER STAYS THE SAME, BUT IT EVOKES DIFFERENT EMOTIONS DEPENDING UPON THE CHARACTERISTICS AND THE PURPOSES, REAL OR IMAGINED, OF THE GROUP IN QUESTION.

7 MILLION OUT OF 315 MILLION IS NOT A LARGE PROPORTION — JUST OVER 2%. WHILE WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING HOW MANY OF ISLAM’S FOLLOWERS ARE MILITANT JIHADISTS WHO ENGAGE IN ACTS OF TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE AROUND THE WORLD, MODERATE MUSLIMS SAY THIS NUMBER IS VERY SMALL WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC. THEY MAY HAVE NO BETTER MEANS THAN WE DO TO CLAIM ACCURACY, BUT THAT IS DOUBTFUL.

BUT, AS “VERY SMALL” IS A SUBJECTIVE TERM, LET’S ARBITRARILY CHOOSE 1% WHICH IS LIKELY TO FIT MOST PEOPLE’S CONCEPTION OF NUMERICALLY “SMALL”. IT IS ALSO “SMALL” IN RELATION TO THE AMOUNT OF GLOBAL VIOLENCE AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY JIHADISTS IN ASIA, EUROPE, AFRICA AND ESPECIALLY IN THE HIGHLY VOLATILE NEAR EAST. IT REALLY CHALLENGES THE MIND TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE

FACT THAT JUST 1% OF ISLAM’S FOLLOWERS COULD ACCOMPLISH THE LOSS OF LIFE, PROPERTY DAMAGE AND EXPENDITURE OF MANY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF THE LAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS WITHOUT ANY OBJECTION FROM THE OTHER 99%.

THERE’S ANOTHER WAY TO LOOK AT THAT 1%, AND IT’S NOT SMALL. IF WE TAKE 1% OF THE 7 MILLION MUSLIM POPULATION IN THE US, WE ARE FACED WITH THE UNCOMFORTABLE REALIZATION THAT THERE MAY BE 70,000 MUSLIMS IN OUR COUNTRY COMMITTED TO VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM. WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL FORMS OF VIOLENCE BROUGHT ON BY FAMILY DIFFERENCES, BUT RATHER THE RANDOM COMMUNITY VIOLENCE THAT WREAKS IMPARTIAL DESTRUCTION ON PEOPLE, MARKETS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, SCHOOLS, TRANSPORTATION, AUDITORIUMS — WHEREVER ONE OR MORE OF US MAY HAPPEN TO BE AT ANY GIVEN UNANNOUNCED MOMENT.

1% MAY BE A “SMALL” NUMBER; 70,000 IS NOT. WITH 50 STATES, IF WE SPREAD THE 70,000 AROUND EVENLY, EACH STATE COULD HARBOR 1,400 TERRORISTS. 1,400 COVERS A LOT OF GROUND IN UTAH, RHODE ISLAND, OR EVEN NEW YORK OR ILLINOIS. PLAY AROUND WITH THE FIGURES; REDUCE THE PERCENTAGE SO THAT THE ACTUAL NUMBER SHRINKS FROM 70,000 TO PERHAPS 30,000 OR 25,000. WE CAN SHRINK THE NUMBERS, BUT NOT THE RISK WHICH WILL REMAIN AS PART OF OUR TIME AND CULTURE AS LONG AS IT ENJOYS PROTECTION HERE OR ELSEWHERE.

THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR INTELLIGENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN SHUTTING DOWN TERRORIST PLOTS SINCE 9/11 HAS BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF OUTSTANDING. SOME HAVE BEEN REVEALED AND THEREBY EXPOSED TO MEDIA COVERAGE, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN OTHERS THAT WILL REMAIN UNKNOWN FOREVER. OUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MARKED BY GOOD FORTUNE AS WELL AS SKILL, AND WE CAN HOPE FOR MORE OF THE SAME IN THE FUTURE, BUT NEITHER CAN BE ASSUMED ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

LOOKING BACK, 9/11 WAS THE PRODUCT OF A COMBINATION OF GLARING ERRORS. EVENTUALLY CHANGING TECHNOLOGY, CIRCUMSTANCES, POLITICS OR HUMAN AWARENESS MAY PRODUCE A SIMILAR EVENT BORN OUT OF SUCH RANDOM BEHAVIOR AS TO BE UNPREDICTABLE. THE ODDS FAVOR THIS BECAUSE WE ARE OPEN PHYSICALLY AND PHILOSOPHICALLY ON SUCH A WIDE FRONT THAT TO ANTICIPATE PERFECT SUSTAINED DETECTION IS NOT REALISTIC. WE SHOULD TRY TO DEVELOP A MENTALITY OF BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND NATIONAL ALERTNESS.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS — AND WRONGS

ENGLAND IN THE SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH CENTURIES WAS A LAND OF CONSTANT TURMOIL. IT WAS A BLOOD BATH OF RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL WARFARE AND WAS HOME TO THE THREATS AND UNCERTAINTIES OF CHANGING TECHNOLOGY AND POLITICS. WHILE THE MONARCHY WAS STILL THE CENTER OF WEALTH AND POWER, AS WELL AS THE SOURCE OF LIFE OR DEATH JUSTICE, THE ROLE OF PUBLIC OPINION EXPRESSED THROUGH PARLIAMENT WAS ON THE RISE.

AND ONE FURTHER, SUPREMELY SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT IN THIS MIX WAS THAT THE MASS OF COMMONERS UPON WHOM

THESE TROUBLED TIMES HAD THEIR GREATEST IMPACT WAS LARGELY UNEDUCATED, PAROCHIAL, ILLITERATE, POOR AND HAD ONLY LIMITED MEANS OF LOCAL COMMUNICATION AVAILABLE TO THEM. ALSO, THE HEREDITARY ECONOMICS OF LAND OWNERSHIP AT THE TIME COULD TIE THEM TO THEIR VILLAGE, THEIR LAND OWNERS’ ESTATES OR EVEN TO ONE SMALL LAND HOLDING, IF THEY WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE AN OWNER, THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES. MOBILITY WAS NOT A PART OF LIFE.

THE PILGRIMS, SEEKING THE RIGHT TO WORSHIP IN A WAY THEY THOUGHT PROPER, WERE THE FIRST ARRIVALS TO ESCAPE THIS SPIRITUAL AND SECULAR CHAOS AND SETTLE HERE. IN THE CENTURY AND A HALF BETWEEN THEIR LANDING AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN 1776 THEIR BELIEFS, RESOURCES AND STYLES HAD TO COMPETE WITH, AND EVENTUALLY BE OUTDATED BY, NEWER POPULATIONS AND THEIR BELIEFS, BUT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM REMAINED AN ACTIVE UNDERCURRENT IN OUR POLITICAL DISCOURSE LEADING TO THE FORMATION OF OUR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

BY THE TIME OUR FOUNDING FATHERS CONVENED IN PHILADELPHIA TO WRITE OUR CONSTITUTION, HOWEVER, THEIR PRIMARY FOCUS WAS ON THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE THEY COULD DESIGN TO SUPPORT THEIR CHOSEN FORM OF GOVERNMENT. THIS STRUCTURE WAS BASED ON THREE KEY ELEMENTS — INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE FROM ANY OTHER NATION OR AUTHORITY.

THESE THREE REQUIREMENTS SEEM PRETTY BASIC TO US NOW AND WE HAVE COME TO TAKE THEM FOR GRANTED, BUT FOR THE 18TH CENTURY WORLD OF COLONIAL AMERICA CONSISTING OF 13 DIFFERENT STRUGGLING COLONIES, STILL BURDENED BY DEBT FROM THEIR WAR FOR FREEDOM AND WITH VERY LITTLE MEANS OF PROTECTING THEMSELVES, THEY WERE A TALL ORDER. TALL OR NOT, FOR THE FOUNDERS THEY WERE ESSENTIAL. THINKING THAT AROUND THEM THEY COULD BUILD THE UNIQUE TYPE OF GOVERNMENT THEY ENVISIONED FOR AMERICA, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THEY ARE EXPRESSED FORCEFULLY AND FREQUENTLY THROUGHOUT OUR CONSTITUTION.

“... A SOCIETY THAT COULD ACCEPT A WIDE RANGE OF DIFFERING OPINIONS WHILE EMBRACING SHARED VALUES.”

THE LATTER WAS WRITTEN AS A COLLECTIVE DOCUMENT TO BOTH CONTROL AND SERVE THE EMERGING NATIONAL POPULATION WHICH IT DID BY ESTABLISHING, RATHER THAN DENYING, A WIDE ARRAY OF FREEDOMS. IT WAS DESIGNED BY ITS AUTHORS TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT FOR A SOCIETY THAT COULD ACCEPT A WIDE RANGE OF DIFFERING OPINIONS WHILE EMBRACING SHARED VALUES.

THEIR BELIEF AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN TESTED AND HAVE SURVIVED FOR MOST OF OUR HISTORY. RECENTLY, HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE INTERNAL ATTACKS BY THOSE WHO HAVE BECOME ATTACHED TO A MORE CONTEMPORARY AND DIFFERENT VIEW OF OUR NATION’S PLACE AND PURPOSE IN WHICH SHARED VALUES ARE NO LONGER OF PRIME SIGNIFICANCE.

THESE THREE CONSTITUTIONAL PILLARS — INDIVIDUAL

FREEDOM, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE FROM OTHER SYSTEMS OR AUTHORITY — BROKE AWAY FROM MANY OF THE COMMON POLITICAL ASSUMPTIONS OF THEIR TIME. MOREOVER, THEY WERE NOT “OLD WINE IN NEW BOTTLES”; THEY WERE “NEW WINE IN NEW BOTTLES”. THEY WERE THE REAL THING AND ENCOURAGED A FORM OF COLLECTIVE THINKING THAT FUELED OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM THROUGH SOME VERY DIFFICULT TIMES.

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ISLAM IS A WORLD FORCE THAT IS NOW RAPIDLY EXPANDING ITS POWER AND NUMBERS, OFTEN BY VIOLENT MEANS. ITS HISTORY HAS BEEN MARKED BY PERIODS OF CONQUEST AND HOSTILITY TO OTHER FAITHS. IT HAS ITS OWN LAW, SHARIA, WHICH CAN BE APPLIED WITH VARYING DEGREES OF SEVERITY. ISLAM DOES NOT “DO” COLLECTIVE, AT LEAST NOT ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, BUT IMPOSITION IS SOMETHING ELSE AND IS A RECOGNIZED ASPECT OF ISLAMIC CULTURE THAT DERIVES FROM THE QURAN.

NOWHERE IN THIS UNIQUE DOCUMENT CAN BE FOUND THE KIND OF VALUES PROCLAIMED IN OUR D OF I AND CONSTITUTION AND WHICH WESTERN CIVILIZATION HAS FOSTERED AND CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT ITS DEVELOPMENT. THE QURAN POSES A MUCH STRICTER VIEW OF HUMAN LIFE AND, WHILE THERE CAN BE REFERENCES TO SOME ASPECTS OF LIFE THAT MAY BE VIEWED FAVORABLY BY BOTH ISLAMIC AND WESTERN THOUGHT, THEY ARE RARE. WHEN WE ENCOUNTER THESE ASPECTS WE DRAW ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THEM THAT MODERATE ISLAM IS THE REALITY THAT WILL DETERMINE OUR RELATIONSHIP. BUT THEN WE MUST ASK OURSELVES “WHICH IS THE REAL ISLAM — THE MODERATE ONE THAT EMERGES FROM OUR SOCIAL, DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL CONVERSATIONS OR THE WRITTEN WORK DELIVERED IN THE QURAN?”

IN SHORT, ISLAM AND THE WEST, AND ESPECIALLY OUR LIBERAL, DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, ARE MOVED BY TWO ENTIRELY DIFFERENT VALUE SYSTEMS. IT IS THIS DIVIDE WHICH TROUBLES OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH ISLAMIC COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD AND, MORE DEEPLY, WITH THE GROWING ISLAMIC PRESENCE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY. THE GOVERNMENT ENVISIONED BY OUR FOUNDERS IN WHICH SHARED VALUES WOULD MODERATE AND MAKE ACCEPTABLE A STRONG DEGREE OF DISSENT DOESN’T WORK WITHOUT THE SHARED VALUES. THAT IS THE IMPASSE THAT WE FACE TODAY WITH ISLAM.

THE FREEDOMS GRANTED UNDER OUR CONSTITUTION ARE PART OF US, OUR POLITICAL DNA IN A WAY, AND WE EMPLOY THEM BOTH FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE BENEFIT. TO OUR ENEMIES WHO ATTACK OUR LEGAL/POLITICAL/HISTORICAL VALUE SYSTEM, THEY ARE NO MORE THAN BOTHERSOME REGULATIONS TO BE USED FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSE AND BENEFIT.

IT IS IN THIS WAY THAT OUTSIDERS CAN ATTACK OUR FREEDOMS BY USING THEM AGAINST US. UNFORTUNATELY, OUR LEGAL SYSTEM AND JUDICIARY OFTEN COOPERATE IN THE PROCESS.

FOR INSTANCE, THERE HAVE BEEN COMMENTS BOTH HERE AND IN ENGLAND BY HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS THAT SOME

FORMS OF SHARIA SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AND ADMISSIBLE IN OUR COURTS. THESE STATEMENTS EMANATE FROM THE POLITICAL LEFT FRINGE, BUT ARE CAPABLE OF DRAWING SOME ATTENTION AND SUPPORT.

THE IMAGE THEY RAISE IS SO OFFENSIVE TO THE GREAT MAJORITY OF AMERICANS THAT SOME STATES HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO PASS LEGISLATION PROHIBITING THE USE OF FOREIGN LAW (AND SPECIFICALLY SHARIA) IN THEIR COURTS.

BUT NOTHING IS EASY. OKLAHOMA PASSED A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT BARRING ITS COURTS FROM RELYING ON SHARIA LAW WHICH WAS APPEALED AND THEN STRUCK DOWN BY A FEDERAL COURT. AND THE FL LEGISLATURE IS UNDER ATTACK BY ISLAMIC GROUPS FOR CONSIDERING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THE ADMISSION OF FOREIGN LAW TO OUR LEGAL SYSTEM.

“... THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR LAWS ARE AS IMPORTANT AS THEIR CONSTITUTIONALITY.”

THERE ARE MANY POLITICAL CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES HERE. WHO KNOWS WHERE IT WILL END? BUT FOR THE TIME BEING A FEDERAL COURT HAS INDICATED THAT THE USE OF FOREIGN LAW TO DETERMINE GUILT OR INNOCENCE IN A US STATE COURT IS ACCEPTABLE. CLEVER ATTORNEYS WILL FIND NUMEROUS WAYS AND OCCASIONS TO BENEFIT THEIR CLIENTS FROM THIS. AT THIS POINT IN OUR HISTORY THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR LAWS ARE AS IMPORTANT AS THEIR CONSTITUTIONALITY.

“... IN OUR LEGAL SYSTEM TODAY’S DECISIONS ARE TOMORROW’S PRECEDENTS.”

OUR LEGAL SYSTEM IS BASED ON CASE LAW WHICH MEANS THAT OVER TIME CASES CAN WORK THEIR WAY THROUGH THE SYSTEM AND GATHER JUDICIAL DECISIONS AND OPINIONS WHICH ESTABLISH PRECEDENCE. THE LATTER PROVIDES PRIOR, HISTORICAL APPROVAL, A FORM OF JUDICIAL PEDIGREE. THIS HAS BEEN A LARGELY SUCCESSFUL SYSTEM FOR US. BUT TIME PASSES; THINGS CHANGE; AND PAST DECISIONS COME TO BE VIEWED AS MORE OR LESS RELEVANT, IMPORTANT OR SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL FAVOR. WE MUST BE AWARE OF THESE CHANGES AND, EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, THAT IN OUR LEGAL SYSTEM TODAY’S DECISIONS ARE TOMORROW’S PRECEDENTS.

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SOCIETAL VALUES ARE CREATED BY HUMAN SPIRITUAL, POLITICAL, HISTORICAL AND PERSONAL THOUGHT. THEY EVOLVE OVER LONG PERIODS OF TIME AND TAKE THE FORM OF MULTIPLE LAYERS OF PERCEPTION WHICH ALTER AND REGULATE HOW HUMAN SOCIETIES ARE VIEWED BY OTHERS AND HOW, IF WE ARE OPEN ENOUGH, WE MAY SEE OURSELVES.

OUR VALUES ARE INTERWOVEN WITH OUR GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEMS — JUDICIAL, LEGISLATIVE, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL, AND ARE OFTEN CALLED UPON TO MEDIATE THE ONGOING STRUGGLE IN AMERICA BETWEEN THE PHILOSOPHIES

OF “MORE” AND “FAIR”.

PROBABLY THE MOST FREQUENTLY CLAIMED VALUE IN OUR AMERICAN HISTORY IS “WE ARE A NATION OF LAWS” WHICH IS USED BY WHOMEVER QUOTES IT TO INDICATE THAT OUR COUNTRY IS GUIDED BY A SYSTEM OF LAWS THAT IS UNFAILINGLY FAIR, HONEST, EFFICIENT AND CONSISTENTLY AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC’S PROTECTION.

THIS STATEMENT NOW SEEMS AN INSEPARABLE ASPECT OF OUR POLITICAL ARGUMENT AND IDENTITY. IT IS LOFTY, BRIEF AND POWERFUL, ALTHOUGH ALSO SOMEWHAT OF AN EXAGGERATION, AS OURS IS A TIME WHEN THE CONDUCT OF OUR LAWS CAN FALL FAR SHORT OF THEIR INTENTION.

THE ONE, MOST DIFFICULT ELEMENT IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ISLAM AS A CO-EXISTING RELIGION IS THAT IT ALSO CARRIES WITH IT ITS OWN LAW, SHARIA, WHICH COMMANDS ITS FOLLOWERS’ CIVIC, POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL BEHAVIOR.

ONE OF THE WESTERN TRADITION’S MOST TREASURED VALUES IS THAT OF KNOWLEDGE OBTAINED BY FREE, OPEN AND OBJECTIVE INQUIRY. IT DID NOT APPEAR SUDDENLY OR IN ITS PRESENT STATE, BUT EMERGED FROM A PROCESS OF PITCHED BATTLES WITH THE ESTABLISHED SCIENTIFIC, RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL AUTHORITIES OF EUROPE’S MAJOR POWERS, AND THEN BLOSSOMED DURING THE ENLIGHTENMENT’S EXPLOSION OF NEW THOUGHT AND THE FRONTIERS WHICH IT REVEALED.

ISLAM CANNOT ACCEPT OBJECTIVE INQUIRY BECAUSE ANY ATTEMPTS IN ITS DIRECTION SOONER OR LATER, AND MOSTLY SOONER, FIND THEMSELVES IN CONFLICT WITH THE QURAN. LIKE CHRISTIANITY’S BIBLE, IT PRESCRIBES ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR FOR THE FAITHFUL AND REACHES INTO THE MOST PERSONAL ASPECTS OF MIND AND BODY.

OUR WESTERN ATTACHMENT TO OBJECTIVE INQUIRY BEGINS EARLY IN OUR EDUCATION, AS STUDENTS ARE EXPOSED TO THE BENEFITS OF DIFFERENT CHOICES, OPINIONS AND RESULTS. THIS IS NOT DONE IN A BLATANT OR DOGMATIC WAY. IT IS THE RESULT OF WHO WE ARE AND HOW WE HAVE SELECTED AND ASSEMBLED THE VALUES THAT IDENTIFY OUR SOCIETY AND OURSELVES.

IN MANY ISLAMIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS THE REQUIREMENT FOR ADMITTANCE OF THE YOUNG STUDENT IS THAT HE HAS MEMORIZED AND CAN RECITE THE ENTIRE QURAN¹⁰. PICTURES OF STUDENTS SEATED CLOSE TO EACH OTHER IN ROWS READING, SPEAKING AND MOVING THEIR HEADS IN UNISON SENDS A POWERFUL MESSAGE OF UNIFORMITY AT A TIME OF LIFE WHEN OUR SYSTEM BELIEVES THE YOUNG MIND SHOULD BE OPENED TO LEARNING BY EXPANDING ITS HORIZONS AND QUESTIONING THE WORLD AROUND US.

WHAT DOES THIS EARLY EDUCATIONAL MODEL PROMISE FOR THE STUDENT LATER IN LIFE? IN OUR INCREASINGLY COMPLEX AND RAPIDLY MOVING WORLD IN WHICH ABSOLUTES MAY BE MOVING TOWARDS EXTINCTION, WHAT WILL BE THE PLACE AND CONSEQUENCE OF ISLAM’S NARROW EARLY EDUCATIONAL MODEL? WILL ITS SECTARIAN SCHOLARSHIP INFLUENCE ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER NATIONS? OTHER FAITHS? AND, IF SO, FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE?

THE NATURE OF ISLAMIC TEACHING IN THE MOSQUES OF MUSLIM IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IS INFORMATION TO WHICH WESTERN HOST COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE FREE ACCESS,

BUT, AS IT IS RARELY GRANTED, THEY HAVE HAD TO ENGAGE IN CLANDESTINE INFILTRATION WHEREUPON, WHEN REVEALED, THE DENIAL OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS LOUDLY AND LEGALLY CLAIMED.

INFILTRATION IS NOT EASY IN COMMUNITIES WHERE LARGE AREAS HAVE WELCOMED ISLAMIC POPULATION AND LAW, AND WHERE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT USUALLY DOES NOT INTRUDE UNLESS ASKED OR REQUIRED BY AN EVENT INVOLVING MAJOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS OF LIFE.

THIS PROCESS OF DETERMINING WHO’S IN CHARGE UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES, WHETHER ON THE STREET OR IN THE COURTROOM, IS A CONSTITUTIONAL MATTER. AND WE, AS EUROPE, WILL BE FACED WITH THE QUESTION OF WHAT TO DO WHEN A CONSTITUTION, WRITTEN AND RATIFIED BY ONE SOCIETY, IS CLAIMED TO PROTECT ANOTHER SOCIETY WITH TOTALLY DIFFERENT VALUES.

OUR CONSTITUTION HAS NURTURED AND PROTECTED US SINCE OUR INFANCY. BUT NOW, AT A TIME OF REAL CRISIS, BECAUSE OF ITS PRIOR GENEROSITY, IT FINDS IT CANNOT PROTECT ITSELF. THAT IS OUR TASK AND, UNLESS WE CAN MOVE QUICKLY TO A PATH OF GREATER POLITICAL AND PERSONAL REALITY, IT IS ONE WE ARE LIKELY TO FAIL.

“THREE STRIKES AND YOU’RE OUT”

THIS COMMENT LIFTED FROM OUR NATIONAL GAME OF BASEBALL, HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO OTHER AREAS OF AMERICAN LIFE, AND ALWAYS WITH THE IMPLICATION THAT THE THIRD STRIKE IS FINAL. IT IS THE CAT’S NINTH LIFE, THE LAST BUS OUT OF MUKDEN AND THE END OF THE ROAD, AFTER WHICH THERE ARE NO MORE SIGN POSTS, MILEAGE MARKERS, OR ROUTE NUMBERS; ONLY, IF WE ARE LUCKY WHICH IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN, QUESTION MARKS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES SOCIETIES OR CULTURES CAN EITHER LOSE THEIR WAY OR SELF-DESTRUCT. THE ONLY OTHER OPTION IS TO BE ABSORBED BY ANOTHER MORE AGGRESSIVE WAY OF LIFE. IN EITHER EVENT, THE EXPERIENCE IS A TRANSFORMING ONE WITH CONSEQUENCES THAT CAN USUALLY BE TRACED BACK TO FAULTY CHOICES OF ACTION OR INACTION.

IN 1941 AMERICA WAS STRUCK BY THE SURPRISE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR WHICH DEVASTATED OUR PACIFIC FLEET AND CAUSED THE LOSS OF ABOUT 2,000 LIVES. AFTERWARDS, COMMITTEES WERE FORMED, INQUIRIES MADE AND INVESTIGATIONS LAUNCHED. CIVILIAN AND MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS OF ANY POSSIBLE RELEVANCY WERE EXAMINED AND MANY FASCINATING BOOKS AND REPORTS WERE WRITTEN. IN THE BACKGROUND TO THIS PROCESS OF ANALYSIS A MOUNTING CHORUS IN GOVERNMENT, THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC SQUARE DELIVERED THE NATION’S SORROWFUL COMMENT — “NEVER AGAIN!”

SIXTY YEARS LATER THE TWO SHOWCASE TOWERS OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN LOWER MANHATTAN WERE ATTACKED AND DESTROYED BY NINETEEN MUSLIM JIHADISTS CAUSING THE LOSS OF ABOUT 3,000 LIVES. FOLLOWING THIS 9/11 ATTACK THE SAME PROCESS OF INQUIRY, ANALYSIS, MOURNING AND REPORTING TOOK PLACE AND THE NATION’S RESPONSE WAS THE SAME — “NEVER AGAIN!”

BOTH OF THESE ATTACKS WERE MARKED BY STEALTH AND SECRECY. THEY HAD BEEN IN PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS, OR MORE, AND THEIR SUCCESS DEPENDED HEAVILY ON THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE WHICH THEY SUCCESSFULLY MAINTAINED UNTIL THE ACTUAL ATTACK.

THE SAME PARTS OF GOVERNMENT — THE ARMED SERVICES, INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, CONGRESS AND DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND JUSTICE — FAILED TO DISCERN THE SECOND ATTEMPT AS WELL AS THE FIRST. “NEVER AGAIN” ? TIME PASSES AND PEOPLE FORGET.

TODAY, AMERICA IS IN THE OPENING STAGES OF A WAR WITH EXPANSIONIST ISLAM WHOSE US POPULATION HAS GROWN FROM AROUND 100,000 IN 1990 TO ABOUT 7 MILLION TODAY. THIS IS NOT A WAR OF SUDDEN DESTRUCTION SHIELDED BY YEARS OF SECRECY. IT IS OUT IN THE OPEN AND IN OUR FULL VIEW, IF WE CHOOSE TO SEE IT. AND YET, WE DON'T. IS IT BECAUSE IT IS JUST TOO MUCH TROUBLE TO BE CONCERNED? OR BECAUSE WE HAVE COME TO RELY SO MUCH ON GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA THAT NO MESSAGE WITHOUT THEIR BLESSING CAN ENTER OUR CONSCIOUSNESS?

THE WORD “QURAN” DERIVES FROM “SUBMISSION” WHICH IS A BASIC TENET OF ISLAMIC FAITH. IN THIS SACRED BOOK IT IS MADE CLEAR THAT THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD RECEIVED THE WORD OF GOD FROM THE ANGEL GABRIEL; THAT THIS DIVINE REVELATION IS IN THE FORM OF THE QURAN; THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE GOD, “ALLAH”, AND ONE TRUE FAITH, ISLAM. ALL OTHERS SHOULD BE CONVERTED OR DESTROYED. THERE ARE NO MIXED MESSAGES, ALTERNATE VERSIONS OR OPERATIONAL QUALIFIERS SUCH AS POPULAR CONSENT, MAJORITY RULE, INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM OR HUMAN EQUALITY. WHY? BECAUSE THEY DO NOT FIT THE MUSLIM MODEL FOR LIFE IN SPITE OF THEIR SERVING THE SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF MANY PEOPLE ON OUR PLANET.

SUBMISSION IS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO ISLAM. SOMETIMES IT IS WRAPPED IN SOFTER LANGUAGE SUCH AS “CHOICE” FOR THE NON-MUSLIM, BUT THE “CHOICE” ALWAYS TURNS OUT TO BE EITHER TO CONVERT OR TO BE DESTROYED. THE RESULT IS ALWAYS THE SAME; ISLAM WINS, YOU LOSE.

OUR STATE DEPARTMENT HAS CHOSEN TO SETTLE THOUSANDS OF MUSLIMS, THAT HAVE FLED THE NEAR EASTERN WARS OF OUR MAKING, IN THE US WITHOUT ALLOWING THE RECEIVING COMMUNITIES ANY SAY IN THE MATTER. THESE NEW POPULATIONS BECOME ISLAMIC ENCLAVES WHOSE NUMBERS AND PREFERENCES TEND TO RESIST ASSIMILATION IN SPITE OF ANNUAL JULY 4 COMMUNITY COOK-OUTS OR OTHER EFFORTS FOSTERED BY THE STATE DEPT. AND/OR LOCAL INTERESTS. IN EARLY TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY AMERICA, AS IN OTHER TIMES AND PLACES, “ASSIMILATION” AND “SUBMISSION” HAVE VERY DIFFERENT MEANINGS — AND CONSEQUENCES.

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THERE ARE ISLAMIC TRAINING CAMPS IN RURAL AREAS OF NY, MI AND VA AND THERE MAY BE OTHERS IN PLANNING OR CONSTRUCTION. THESE CAMPS ARE REMOTELY SITUATED, WELL GUARDED AND USUALLY REACHABLE ONLY BY A SMALL, ROUGH

ROAD ON WHICH ANY LOCAL TRAFFIC IS DISCOURAGED. TRAINING INCLUDES HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT METHODS, WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES USE, CROWD CONTROL AND, OF COURSE, ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL VALUES. AS FILMS PURPORTING TO SHOW THESE CAMPS HAVE APPEARED ONLINE, WE CAN SAFELY ASSUME THAT THEY ARE UNDER OBSERVATION BY FEDERAL, AS WELL AS LOCAL, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

WHAT IS THEIR PURPOSE? ARE THEIR EXERCISE PROGRAMS DESIGNED FOR FITNESS OR VIOLENCE? ARE THEY HARMLESS CIVILIAN MILITARY BUFFS WHO ENJOY THE REALITY OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROADSIDE BOMBS? ARE THEY PEACEFUL CENTERS OF ISLAMIC THOUGHT AND STUDY, OR ARE THEY TO BE ACTIVATED BY SOME FUTURE SPIRITUAL OR POLITICAL CALL TO ADVANCE ISLAMIC EXPANSION BY CREATING CIVIL UNREST?

THESE QUESTIONS INVITE A WIDE RANGE OF OPINION AMONG THE PUBLIC, AND THEIR ANSWERS ARE SUBJECT TO THE TIMETABLE OF ISLAMIC INTENT. HERE AGAIN, THESE CAMPS ARE PROTECTED BY OUR CONSTITUTION WHICH ALLOWS THEM THE SAME PRIVACY IT GRANTS TO CITIZENS SO THAT, WHILE NATIONAL SECURITY MAY CALL FOR GREATER CONTROL, OUR BILL OF RIGHTS COMES DOWN IN FAVOR OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS. THIS IS ONE OF DEMOCRACY'S TIMELESS ARGUMENTS WHICH WILL BE WITH US AS LONG AS DEMOCRACY ITSELF.

BUT IT BRINGS US FACE TO FACE WITH ANOTHER QUESTION TO WHICH THE ANSWER SEEMS MUCH LESS DIFFICULT — I.E., THE ROLE OF OUR ELECTED GOVERNMENT IN ITS DEALING WITH AN EASILY RECOGNIZABLE POTENTIAL CRISIS.

IN SOME WAYS WE HAVE REENTERED THE PEARL HARBOR AND 9/11 “NEVER AGAIN” TIME ZONE. BUT THERE IS ONE MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN THAT WITH ISLAM SECRECY IS NOT A FACTOR. THE WHOLE, TERRIFYING RATIONALE AND BLUEPRINT FOR GLOBAL MUSLIM DOMINATION HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR FIFTEEN HUNDRED YEARS DURING WHICH TIME THE WEST HAS ONLY OCCASIONALLY VIEWED IT AS THE THREAT THAT IT IS.

ON ONE HAND WE EXPERIENCE THE POLITICAL/JUDICIAL ARGUMENT OVER INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS VS. NATIONAL SECURITY, AND ON THE OTHER WE ARE FACED WITH THE FAR MORE URGENT QUESTION OF “NEVER AGAIN”? WHEN WE SAY “URGENT” WE MAY RECALL THE PROMPT JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS INVOKED BY FDR AFTER PEARL HARBOR TO DECLARE WAR. BUT “URGENT” SUGGESTS TWO DIFFERENT PRESSURES — ONE OF TIME AND ONE OF CONSEQUENCE. AND IT IS THE LATTER THAT OUR GOVERNMENT IS INCAPABLE OF DEALING WITH, OR EVEN RECOGNIZING.

THE AWFUL, NOT MERELY INCONVENIENT, TRUTH IS THAT NOT ONE OF OUR 537 ELECTED “LEADERS” (535 IN CONGRESS; 2 IN EXECUTIVE BRANCH) HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT THE OPENLY DECLARED INTENTION OF ISLAMIC FAITH AND LAW (SHARIA) TO IMPOSE SUBMISSION ON OTHERS POSES A THREAT TO OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND TO THE RIGHTS THAT IT HAS GRANTED TO OURSELVES AND TO OTHERS FOR MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED YEARS.

NOT ONE MEMBER OF CONGRESS HAS SPOKEN OUT OR FILED A BILL THAT ATTEMPTS TO INFORM THE AMERICAN PUBLIC OF ISLAM'S HISTORICAL PURPOSE AND HOW IT IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED IN EUROPE. THE NATIONAL “EXCEPTIONALISM” PERCEIVED BY MANY AMERICANS WILL NOT EXCLUDE OUR NATION

FROM ISLAM'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE WORLD DOMINATION OF SPIRITUAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT.

OUR GOVERNMENT'S SILENCE IS MISPLACED; ITS FAILURE TO ACT STEMS FROM POLITICAL COWARDICE. IT KNOWS THAT COMMENT CRITICAL OF ISLAM OR ITS METHODS WILL INVOKE ACCUSATIONS OF RACISM AND DENIAL OF "HUMAN" RIGHTS FROM THE MULTICULTURAL AND OTHER "SPECIAL INTEREST" GROUPS WHO VIEW OUR GOVERNMENT, CONSTITUTION AND PEOPLE THROUGH A DIFFERENT LENS THAN THAT OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION.

IT WOULD BE FOLLY TO EXPECT OUR FRACTIOUS GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER THIS ISSUE AS ONE OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO REQUIRE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND DEBATE. THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AT LEAST UNTIL THE NEXT ACT OF MUSLIM RELATED PUBLIC VIOLENCE, AND MAYBE NOT EVEN THEN. SELF-INTEREST IN THE FORM OF MONEY AND ELECTORAL SUCCESS HAVE BECOME THE TWO TRUE DETERMINANTS OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.

AS IS CLEARLY EVIDENT IN THIS AND OTHER ISSUES, REAL DAMAGE IS BEING DONE TO OUR DEMOCRACY BY REMOVING FROM GOVERNMENT REVIEW ISSUES THAT ARE DEEMED TOO CONTENTIOUS. ISLAMIC INTENTION IS ONE SUCH ISSUE, BUT BEYOND THIS ISSUE, OR ANY OTHERS, IS THE CRIPPLING EFFECT UPON OUR CONSTITUTION AND OUR CITIZENS' INTERESTS OF BEING IGNORED BY THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND EXCLUDED FROM POLICY LEVEL PARTICIPATION.

IN A DEMOCRACY THIS IS THE ULTIMATE SIN OF EVERY MEMBER OF CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE EXECUTIVE. IT CAN ONLY BE REMOVED BY A DIFFERENT SENSE OF CONSCIENCE TO OUR HISTORY, OUR CONSTITUTION AND TO THE PUBLIC.

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THERE IS ANOTHER POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCE WORTH NOTING. WE ARE INFORMED VIA AN ONLINE SOURCE¹¹ THAT THERE ARE CURRENTLY SIX MUSLIMS ON PRES. OBAMA'S WHITE HOUSE STAFF:

- ARIF ALIKHAN — ASST. SECTY. FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT FOR DEPT. OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)
- MOHAMMED ELIBIARY — HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR
- RASHAD HUSSAIN — SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC)
- SALAM AL-MARAYATI — OBAMA ADVISOR — FOUNDER MUSLIM PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL AND ITS CURRENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- IMAM MOHAMMED MAGID — OBAMA'S SHARIA CZAR — ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA
- EBOO PATEL — ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FAITH-BASED NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIPS

THESE TYPES OF ADVISORY POSITIONS DO NOT COME CHEAPLY, AND WE ARE LOOKING AT HERE AN ANNUAL EXPENSE THAT WE ESTIMATE AT AROUND ONE MILLION DOLLARS — CONSIDERED CHUMP CHANGE BY GOVERNMENT STANDARDS BUT NOT BY THOSE OF THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER.

THIS CONCENTRATION OF ISLAMIC INTEREST IS AN ATTENTION GETTER. IT IS UNUSUAL, AS THERE IS NO SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS FOR HINDUS, BUDDHISTS, ETC. IS THIS NOTHING MORE THAN A MEANS FOR THE PRESIDENT, WITH HIS

MUSLIM HERITAGE, TO BE ABLE TO KEEP CONTACT WITH IT? OR DOES IT INDICATE AN AWARENESS AT THE WHITE HOUSE LEVEL THAT ISLAM MAY ACTUALLY POSE A THREAT TO THE COUNTRY. IF SO, IS IT OF SUCH LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE THAT IT IS NOT WORTH SHARING WITH THE CONGRESS OR THE PUBLIC?

FOR NOW THERE ARE NO ANSWERS, ONLY QUESTIONS; BUT WE HOPE THAT FOR THE FUTURE THERE WILL BE HEIGHTENED AWARENESS. AND, IF THE DUTIES OF THE ISLAMIC WING OF THE WHITE HOUSE GROW MORE URGENT, WILL THEIR URGENCY BE ONE OF TIME OR CONSEQUENCES?

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ALL RELIGIONS IN SOME WAY DEAL WITH HUMAN VALUES — EITHER PERIPHERALLY OR CENTRALLY, AND ANY ATTACK UPON A RELIGION OR A CULTURE USUALLY INCLUDES A CHALLENGE TO ITS VALUES. IN OUR WARS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WE HAVE INSERTED OURSELVES AND OUR VALUES INTO TWO STRONGLY MUSLIM COUNTRIES WITH OUR MILITARY FORCES ACTING AS "THE ADVANCE MAN".

IF OUR COUNTRY INVADES AND OCCUPIES ANOTHER COUNTRY, DIFFERENCES IN SOCIAL AND CULTURAL VALUES BECOME FREQUENT CAUSES OF CIVIL FRICTION. CONSIDER THE CLASH BETWEEN THE MUSLIM INTERPRETATION OF POLITICS, FINANCE, GOVERNMENT, DRESS, DIET, SEX, MARRIAGE, MORALITY AND OTHER MAJOR ASPECTS OF LIFE IN WHICH VALUE SYSTEMS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AND THE MUCH MORE OPEN, AND SOMETIMES OUTRAGEOUS, VALUES THAT HAVE EMERGED IN WESTERN CULTURE.

FROM BIKINIS ON THE BEACH, TO COCKTAILS IN THE LIBRARY TO DRUGS IN THE BODY CONTEMPORARY WESTERN CULTURE IS A SOURCE OF CONSTANT OFFENSE TO ISLAMIC VALUES, AND WE ARE EQUALLY OFFENDED BY THE MUSLIM RESPONSE AS IT EXTENDS TO TORTURE, MURDER, MUTILATION AND OTHER FORMS OF "JUSTICE" WHICH WE FIND BRUTAL, EXCESSIVE AND ANTITHETICAL TO OUR WESTERN VALUES.

KIPLING'S FAMOUS OBSERVATION THAT "EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST AND NEVER THE TWAIN SHALL MEET"¹² WAS THEN, AND EVEN NOW STILL IS, REMARKABLY ACCURATE, AS MANY EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS ARE FINDING OUT TO THEIR SORROW. IS IT OUT OF A SENSE OF SUPERIORITY OR IGNORANCE OR WISHFUL THINKING THAT OUR POLITICAL "LEADERS" IGNORE BOTH ISLAM'S HISTORY AND ITS SACRED TEXT? IT IS PROBABLY A MIXTURE OF ALL THREE WITH A DOSE OF POLITICAL CONVENIENCE ADDED.

THE ROLE OF SOLE SUPERPOWER WHICH WE INHERITED AFTER WWII AND THEN NURTURED DURING AND AFTER THE COLD WAR IS BECOMING FAR MORE DIFFICULT TO SUSTAIN. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A "WE'RE #1" ELEMENT IN OUR POPULATION, BUT MOST AMERICANS, NOTING THE DECLINE OF ORDER IN OUR WORLD, WOULD SETTLE FOR SOMEWHAT LESS POWER AND MORE PEACE. MI IS A KEY FIGURE IN THIS EQUATION.

MI'S DETERMINATION NOT TO ACCEPT ANY FORM OF AGREED COEXISTENCE WITH OTHER FAITHS MEANS THE USUAL GIVE AND TAKE OF ACCOMMODATION CANNOT BE RELIED UPON, AND THAT RELIGIOUS WARFARE OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER

MAY AGAIN BE CALLED UPON TO SETTLE SPIRITUAL AS WELL AS SECULAR DIFFERENCES.

IN A WORLD THAT HAS SEEN ITS GREAT POWERS TURN THEIR BACKS ON RELIGIOUS WAR, AND THAT HAS NOW HAD A FUNCTIONING BODY TO EXPRESS WORLD OPINION AND ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN PEACE FOR SIXTY PLUS YEARS, THE PROSPECT OF RENEWED RELIGIOUS WAR IS A MAJOR DISAPPOINTMENT.

ISLAM CASTS A WIDE NET OVER ITS FOLLOWERS, AND CAPTURES THEIR WORSHIP, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS AT A TIME WHEN WESTERN RELIGIONS HAVE TENDED TO BECOME MORE ECUMENICAL. WHAT EXPLAINS THIS DIVERGENCE, THIS HARDENING OF THE MUSLIM MINDSET THAT SEEMS TO CHALLENGE ALL AND YIELD NOTHING?

EXTREME BEHAVIOR OR THOUGHT IS OFTEN LINKED TO EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCE OF ONE KIND OF ANOTHER. IN THE CASE OF MI THE IMAGE OF THE PRE-ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS COMMITTING THE QURAN TO MEMORY FOR DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS WILL NOT GO AWAY. THESE POST-INFANCY, EARLY GROWTH YEARS ARE ONES IN WHICH THE MIND EXTENDS ITSELF IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS THROUGH READING, ART AND THOUGHT. IT BEGINS TO VIEW POSSIBILITIES, MAKE CHOICES AND ESTABLISH PREFERENCES NOT POSSIBLE IN INFANCY.

THIS VERY FIRST STEP TOWARDS THINKING INDEPENDENTLY PROVIDES A KIND OF LIBERATION THAT WILL INCREASE WITH AGE AND SERVE THE CHILD BETTER AS HE/SHE ADVANCES IN LIFE.

THE MENTAL PICTURE OF THE PRE-SCHOOL MUSLIM CHILD LEARNING THE MANY PAGES OF THE QURAN BY ROTE SUGGESTS TOTALLY DIFFERENT RESULTS. THE POSSIBILITIES FOR LIBERATION AND EXPANSION SEEM TO BE OVERWHELMED BY THE NEED TO FOCUS AND RESTRICT THE CHILD'S ATTENTION TO THE TOPIC, FORM AND LANGUAGE OF THE QURAN.

EARLY INFLUENCES HAVE VERY PERSISTENT WAYS OF TRACKING OUR MOVEMENTS THROUGH LIFE, AND IT SEEMS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE RIGIDITY INVOLVED IN MEMORIZING THE MANY PAGES OF THE QURAN IS REFLECTED IN ISLAM'S NEED TO CONQUER AND ITS LOW LEVEL OF TOLERANCE FOR THE PRACTICE OF OTHER FAITHS.

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“AT THE TURN OF THE 21ST CENTURY, THERE WERE BETWEEN 15 AND 17 MILLION MUSLIMS IN WESTERN EUROPE, INCLUDING 5 MILLION IN FRANCE, 4 MILLION IN GERMANY AND 2 MILLION IN BRITAIN. “IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, THERE WERE VIRTUALLY NO MUSLIMS IN WESTERN EUROPE”¹³. SUCH RAPID GROWTH CAN HAVE SEVERE CONSEQUENCES IF AND WHEN IT REACHES OR PASSES A TIPPING POINT THAT TRANSFORMS TRADITIONAL POPULATIONS, CULTURES AND SOCIETIES. FOR EXAMPLE, CHRISTOPHER CALDWELL ALSO STATES, “WORSE, THESE IMMIGRANTS ARE BRINGING ANTI-SEMITISM BACK TO EUROPE.”¹⁴

ISLAM IN AMERICA

WE ARE STILL AT A RELATIVELY LOW POINT ON THE CURVE OF ISLAMIC GROWTH IN AMERICA, BUT IT AND THE GROUND BENEATH OUR FEET ARE MOVING MORE QUICKLY THAN

WE KNOW. THE NATURE OF ANY CONCERTED RESPONSE TO ISLAM'S GROWING PRESENCE HERE IS COMPLICATED BY:

- 1) OUR LACK OF ANY ACCURATE INSIGHT INTO HOW MUSLIM OPINION DIVIDES ON THE SCALE OF EXTREME TO MODERATE. AS USEFUL AS THIS INFORMATION MIGHT BE, WE WILL NEVER HAVE IT, AS IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ISLAM ITSELF COULD MUSTER THE NECESSARY UNITY TO CREATE SUCH A PROFILE.
- 2) OUR CONSTITUTION'S EXTRAORDINARY GENEROSITY AND LATITUDE, WHICH IT HAS EXTENDED TO CITIZENS AND NON-CITIZENS ALIKE, DOTS OUR LEGAL LANDSCAPE WITH CAVES WHERE OUR ENEMIES CAN HIDE AND PURSUE ANTINATIONAL INTERESTS.

ALL OF OUR PROTECTIONS HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION IN WARTIME OR OTHER CRISES. THIS MECHANISM, TO SUCCEED, WOULD REQUIRE THE SAME DEGREE OF UNITY THAT ISLAM MUST ACHIEVE TO DEFINE ITS POSITION, AND IN BOTH CASES A SUCCESSFUL RESULT IS EQUALLY IMPROBABLE. FOR INSTANCE, SIMPLY DEPICTING OUR CIRCUMSTANCE: ARE WE IN CRISIS? ARE WE AT WAR?

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WE HAVE ONE GOVERNMENT, PARTS OF WHICH CHANGE EVERY TWO YEARS, AND YET AS A WHOLE IT HAS BECOME STRONGLY RESISTANT TO CHANGE AND IS UNWIELDY. ITS RESPONSE TIME, EVEN TO CRISIS, CAN BE, AND OFTEN IS, SHAMEFULLY INADEQUATE (I.E., IT IS OVER TEN YEARS SINCE 9/11 AND SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE IT HAVE YET TO BE IMPLEMENTED.)

ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY, IN SPITE OF THEIR COMMON ORIGIN, ARE TWO DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT ENTITIES. IF WE WERE TO TAKE FROM EACH A LIST OF FIVE OF THEIR MOST BASIC BELIEFS OR GOALS, THERE WOULD BE NO MATCH.

THIS IS THE REALITY WHICH OUR “LEADERS” MUST RECOGNIZE AND FROM WHICH THEY MUST FASHION A POLICY THAT OFFERS REAL PROTECTION TO OUR TRADITIONAL IDENTITY, COMMUNITIES AND WAY OF LIFE.

IN SHORT, AMERICANS DON'T WANT TO BE OVERRUN AND OVERTAKEN, NEITHER SLOWLY NOR SUDDENLY, BY ISLAM'S OBLIGATION TO ITS QURANIC DESTINY. WE HAVE A DESTINY, TOO, EXPRESSED IN OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH TAKES STRONG EXCEPTION TO AND PRECEDENCE OVER THE HOLY TEXTS OF ISLAM OR ANY OTHER RELIGION.

OUR GOVERNMENT, ALL THREE BRANCHES OF IT, HAS THE UNQUESTIONABLE DUTY TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PROTECT OUR INSTITUTIONS AND CITIZENS. IN THE MATTER OF RELIGION THIS IS NO EASY TASK, BUT IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED, INITIATED AND THEN UNDERTAKEN WITH THE SUPPORT OF BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES.

FULL COOPERATION MAY NOT BE READILY AVAILABLE, BUT JUST OPENING THE TOPIC TO PUBLIC VIEW, DEBATE AND COMMENT WILL GENERATE CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IT'S NOT THAT THEY ARE ANTI-ISLAM, BUT RATHER THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO LET GO OF SOME OF OUR MOST TREASURED VALUES. ON THIS, THE VOX POPULI WILL SPEAK LOUDLY AND CLEARLY.

EPILOGUE

LOOKING BACK A HUNDRED OR MORE YEARS AFTER AN HISTORICAL FACT, EVENTS AND THEIR TRANSFORMATIONS CAN GIVE A SENSE OF GRADUAL TRANSITION. THAT WILL BE AS TRUE OF OUR TIME AS ANY OTHER. AND YET FOR THOSE WHO SHARE TROUBLED TIMES, NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.

SYRIA IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE. A CENTURY FROM NOW IT WILL BE RECORDED AS AN UPRISING THAT ACCOMPLISHED (IF IT DOES) A REGIME CHANGE. THE INCREDIBLE SUFFERING VISITED UPON THE SYRIAN PEOPLE BY COMBAT, DISEASE, DEPRIVATION (FOOD, WATER, SHELTER, SANITATION AND MEDICINE) AND EXPOSURE FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO PROLONGED ATTACKS WILL NOT SHOW. HISTORY IS A MASTER AT ABBREVIATION.

ISLAM'S TWO PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO CONQUER EUROPE ARE SHOWN ON MAPS GEOGRAPHICALLY — THE FIRST THROUGH SPAIN AND INTO SOUTHERN FRANCE AND THE SECOND UP FROM TURKEY THROUGH THE BALKANS TO AUSTRIA. THESE WERE CAMPAIGNS THAT UPROOTED GOVERNMENTS, CULTURES, COMMERCE AND POLITICS FOR MANY GENERATIONS AND WHOSE EFFECTS ARE STILL VISIBLE IN EUROPE TODAY. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY TURMOIL AND HUMAN SUFFERING ON A VERY WIDE SCALE.

MILITANT ISLAM'S STATEMENTS REGARDING ITS FAITH AND ITS RELATION TO OTHER POPULATIONS AND FAITHS, AS WELL AS ITS PRIOR ACTIVITIES, LEAVE LITTLE ROOM TO DOUBT THAT IT SEES ITSELF AS CALLED UPON TO PRESS FOR THE ISLAMICIZATION AND EVENTUAL DESTRUCTION OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION.

THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY POPULATION, BY TEACHING, BY VIOLENCE OR A COMBINATION OF THEM. AT SOME POINT AMERICA, WHICH IS SEEN AS THE GREAT SATAN BY MANY MUSLIMS, WILL REACH A POINT WHERE IT MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO ALLOW UNRESTRICTED MEANS AND ACCESS TO THEM TO REPLACE OUR CULTURE AND INSTITUTIONS WITH THEIR OWN. THAT CHOICE WILL FALL TO OUR POLITICAL "LEADERS". THEIR RECORD IS NOT ENCOURAGING.

ONE OF THE DANGERS OF A POLITICAL SYSTEM AS OPEN AS OURS IS THAT THE RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN CONFERS TO INDIVIDUALS CAN WEAKEN THE PUBLIC'S COMMITMENT TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST. THIS IS A DANGER THAT NOW THREATENS OUR COUNTRY AS MUCH, IF NOT MORE, THAN IT EVER HAS.

TO MAINTAIN BALANCE BETWEEN NATIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS THERE MUST BE A BOND BETWEEN THEM. WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE THAT OUR HISTORY HAS ALLOWED US TO DO THIS. NATIONAL WARS STRENGTHEN THIS BOND BECAUSE OF THEIR HEIGHTENED EMOTIONAL AND PATRIOTIC NATURE AND BECAUSE THE SELF-INTEREST OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE NATION ARE SO CLEARLY COMBINED.

IN ADDITION TO OUR PERIODS OF WARTIME UNITY, AMERICA'S ENGAGEMENT IN WESTWARD EXPANSION AND THE CLOSING OF ITS FRONTIER LASTED FOR OVER A CENTURY DURING WHICH THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL GOALS OF OUR NATION AND ITS CITIZENS WERE CLOSELY IDENTIFIED AND MERGED. THIS PROCESS WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DETERMINING MANY OF OUR NATIONAL VALUES.

FOLLOWING WWII, AMERICA'S CHARACTER UNDERWENT A MAJOR CHANGE AS THE RESULT OF ITS PURSUIT OF COMMERCIAL, MILITARY, POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL DOMINANCE DURING THE COLD WAR AND THEN IT'S EMERGENCE AS SOLE SUPERPOWER.

THIS NEW GLOBAL ROLE, AND THE UNPRECEDENTED WEALTH AND POWER WHICH BOTH ENABLED IT AND RESULTED FROM IT, SO SERIOUSLY DISTURBED THE BALANCE BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL AND NATIONAL INTERESTS IN FAVOR OF THE INDIVIDUAL THAT THE LEGISLATION, IDEOLOGY, ADMINISTRATIVE AND ELECTORAL FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT COULD NO LONGER FUNCTION AS BONDING ELEMENTS. AND WITHOUT THEM THE NATION'S INTERESTS HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY MORE DIFFICULT TO RECOGNIZE, IDENTIFY AND SUPPORT.

OUR ESSENTIAL BOND IS BROKEN AND MUST BE REPAIRED AND REINSTITUTED IF WE ARE TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY FROM THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PERILS POSED BY ISLAMIC EXPANSION.

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END NOTES

¹ THE TELEGRAPH, LONDON, ENGLAND. EXPAT EDITION 2/6-2/12/2013

² IBID

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⁷ IN EARLY MARCH THE GOVERNOR OF MI ANNOUNCED THAT THE SITUATION COULD NO LONGER BE TOLERATED AND THAT HE WOULD APPOINT AN EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATOR WITH EXTRAORDINARY POWERS TO MANAGE THE CITY'S AFFAIRS.

⁸ AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, THERE ARE VARYING ESTIMATES FOR THE PRESENT MUSLIM POPULATION IN AMERICA. IN CHURCH AND STATE (ON LINE) MUSLIMS IN 21ST CENTURY AMERICA AND EUROPE (PART 3 – 11/28/12) FROSTY WOOLDRIDGE USES A FIGURE OF APPROXIMATELY 8 MILLION AS OF 2009. WE USE 7 MILLION TO BE CONSERVATIVE, BUT SUSPECT THAT A TRULY ACCURATE CURRENT NUMBER, WHILE NOT KNOWN, IS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER.

⁹ CF. #1 ABOVE 2/13 - 2/19/13

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¹¹ INVESTIGATIVEPROJECT.ORG, MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD INFILTRATES OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

¹² THE BALLAD OF EAST AND WEST BY RUDYARD KIPLING, 1889

¹³ NEW YORK TIMES 7/30/09 A TURNING TIDE IN EUROPE AS ISLAM GAINS GROUND. REVIEW OF REFLECTIONS ON THE REVOLUTION IN EUROPE, IMMIGRATION, ISLAM AND THE WEST BY CHRISTOPHER CALDWELL. DOUBLEDAY

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