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## WHO ARE WE?

## AND WHY ARE WE NOT WHO WE WERE?

### ISLAM'S CULTURAL THREAT

BEFORE ENGAGING THE ARGUMENT OF ISLAM'S PLACE IN AMERICA AND, BY EXTENSION, IN WCIV (WESTERN CIVILIZATION) THERE IS ONE ESSENTIAL, BUT RARELY RECOGNIZED, ASPECT OF CULTURE THAT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR. CULTURES CAN BE, AND HAVE BEEN, CHANGED BY INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS OR ACTIONS; AND BY RELATIVELY SMALL GROUPS WHEN A FEW INDIVIDUALS COMBINE THEIR FORCES.

OURS IS AN AGE OF TECHNOLOGY ASCENDANT IN WHICH BASIC FORMS OF REPORTING NEWS AND OPINION SUCH AS LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINE AND RADIO STATIONS HAVE BEEN BOUGHT, COMBINED AND TRANSFORMED INTO OUR MAINSTREAM MEDIA (MSM) COMPLEX TO MARKET AN ARRAY OF SERVICES OR PRODUCTS CAPABLE OF GENERATING LARGE AND ONGOING REVENUES. NO LONGER DOMINATED BY THEIR ORIGINAL ATTITUDES AND ENTITIES, THEY NOW COMPRISE THE PERSONAL, SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DIRECTIONS THAT GUIDE OUR CULTURE.

IN VIEW OF THIS EXISTENTIAL TRANSFORMATION OF OUR PUBLIC MEDIA BY TECHNOLOGY AND THE COMBINATION OF ITS OWNERSHIP, IT IS IMPORTANT TO RESTATE THAT CULTURES (EVEN OURS) CAN BE CHANGED BY INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS/ACTIONS.

NO TWO CULTURES ARE THE SAME AND ALL CULTURES, REGARDLESS OF SIMILAR OR IDENTICAL ORIGINS, LOCATIONS, OR HISTORIES, SHOW SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES. AND, WHILE WE GENERALLY THINK OF CULTURES IN TERMS OF A MASS RATHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL SCALE, WE HAVE ALTERED THEM MORE OFTEN AND MORE SIGNIFICANTLY THAN WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO ADMIT.

HISTORY OFFERS SOME INTERESTING EXAMPLES SUCH AS THE THREE EXTRAORDINARY CULTURAL SHIFTS THAT OCCURRED IN EUROPE IN THE HUNDRED YEARS FROM 1450 TO 1550. THE FIRST WAS JOHANNES GUTENBERG'S INVENTION OF THE PRINTING PRESS AND MOVEABLE TYPE IN 1456; THE NEXT WAS MARTIN LUTHER'S POSTING OF HIS THESES TO REFORM THE

**IN THIS ISSUE:** WE COMPLETE TWELVE YEARS OF PUBLICATION OF MOC IN WHICH WE HAVE FOCUSED ON MAJOR ISSUES THAT FACE OUR COUNTRY AND CIVILIZATION. THIS CHAPTER CONCERNS ISLAM'S POTENTIAL THREAT TO OUR AMERICAN AND WESTERN CULTURE AND IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TOPICS THAT WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE HAD TO INCREASE ITS LENGTH FROM THE USUAL 16 PAGES TO 20.

**IN OUR NEXT ISSUE:** WE WILL EXPLORE OTHER CULTURAL CONTRADICTIONS IN AMERICA THAT CONTRIBUTE TO UNDERSTANDING AND ANSWERING OUR TITLE QUESTIONS.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (RCC) IN 1517; AND LAST WAS THE ACT OF SUPREMACY PASSED IN THE ENGLISH PARLIAMENT IN 1534 WHICH WAS PUSHED BY HENRY VIII AND ESTABLISHED HIM AND SUCCESSIVE ENGLISH MONARCHS AS TITULAR HEADS OF AN ANGLICAN CHURCH SEPARATE FROM ALL ITS FORMER ROMAN CONNECTIONS, AND WITH ITS ECCLESIASTIC AUTHORITY LODGED IN THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

WITHIN THE CULTURAL BLINK OF AN EYE THESE THREE MEN DRASTICALLY CHANGED HUMAN COMMUNICATION, EUROPE'S EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS STRUCTURE AND THE WAY THAT COMMONERS AND MONARCHS WERE TO LIVE FOR THE NEXT TWO AND A HALF CENTURIES. GUTENBERG COULD NOT FORESEE IN DETAIL ALL THE CHANGES THAT HIS PRINTING PRESS TECHNOLOGY WOULD DELIVER, BUT HE CERTAINLY ENVISIONED THAT ITS SUPERIORITY OVER THE METHODS OF BOOK PRODUCTION THEN AVAILABLE WOULD CREATE A WIDE DEMAND FOR IT.

SIMILARLY, LUTHER'S CRITICISMS OF THE RCC'S ROLE AS THE SOLE RELIGIOUS FORCE IN EUROPE WERE MOSTLY AIMED AT THE UNETHICAL CONDUCT AND CORRUPTION WHICH HAD ATTACHED THEMSELVES TO BOTH THE SPIRIT AND THE STRUCTURE OF CHRISTIANITY, AS IT STRUGGLED TO SURVIVE AND ADAPT TO THE REALITIES OF LIFE IN EUROPE IN THE CENTURIES THAT FOLLOWED THE FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE. WHILE LUTHER'S MESSAGE SEEMS PRIMARILY CORRECTIVE, HE WAS WILLING TO SEPARATE HIMSELF FROM THE ERRORS AND EXCESSES OF EARLY 16TH CENTURY ROMAN RELIGIOUS PRACTICE. WHETHER HE ENVISIONED THE DEEP SCHISM AND WIDE GROWTH OF THE REFORMATION BROUGHT ON BY HIS OBJECTIONS IS MUCH LESS CERTAIN.

ENGLAND'S HENRY VIII OFFERS A PERSPECTIVE OF THE RCC'S POWER VERY DIFFERENT FROM LUTHER'S. HENRY WAS CONSUMED BY THE DYNASTIC DEMAND THAT HE PRODUCE A MALE HEIR TO ASSURE THE CONTINUITY OF HIS TUDOR MONARCHY. AS TIME PASSED AND ONLY FEMALE OR NO ISSUE WAS PRODUCED, THE BLAME FELL UPON HIS QUEENS WHO HAD TO BE DISCARDED IN FAVOR OF A NEW LINEAGE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING A SON TO FOLLOW HENRY ON ENGLAND'S THRONE.

UNDER RCC LAW THE ROYAL DIVORCES/ ANNULMENTS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A LEGITIMATE NEW MALE HEIR TO HENRY'S RULE HAD TO BE APPROVED BY THE POPE. THERE WERE OTHER ISSUES TOO, NOTABLY THE LARGE ESTATES

HELD BY THE CHURCH/CLERGY WHICH OFTEN WERE AT THE CENTER OF PERSISTENT ARGUMENTS OVER THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC BOUNDARIES OF TEMPORAL VS. RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY.

AS ENGLAND'S SUPREMELY POWERFUL KING, SYMBOLICALLY AND PHYSICALLY SEPARATED FROM GREATER EUROPE BY THE SEA, HENRY CHAFED AT HAVING TO YIELD ANY POWER TO A POPE IN DISTANT ROME. HE WAS WILLING TO EXTEND ENGLAND'S ISLAND INDEPENDENCE TO HER PRACTICE OF RELIGION BY ESTABLISHING AN ANGLICAN CHURCH WITH THE MONARCH AT ITS HEAD, AND TO MAKE CHANGES IN LITURGY, VESTMENTS, LANGUAGE AND MUSIC TO CREATE SPACE BETWEEN HIS NEW CHURCH AND ROME. IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER HE COULD HAVE ENVISIONED THAT HIS ACTION WOULD PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE SCHISM AND REFORMATION THAT CAME AFTER 1550 AND CHANGED THE RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL RELATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT FOREVER.

AND MORE RECENTLY, WITHIN THE SPACE OF A LITTLE MORE THAN ONE GENERATION IN THE LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURIES, BELL'S TELEPHONE AND MARCONI'S RADIO SET THE STAGE FOR OUR MODERN COMMUNICATIONS REVOLUTION; EDISON ILLUMINATED THE WORLD; FORD AND THE WRIGHT BROTHERS GAVE NEW DIMENSIONS TO THE WORDS "WHEELS" AND "WINGS". AND SUSAN B. ANTHONY FORMED THE INTERNATIONAL SUFFRAGE ALLIANCE AND BECAME THE MOTIVE FORCE IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE HERE AND ELSEWHERE. SADLY, SHE WOULD DIE BEFORE PRES. WILSON AND CONGRESS PASSED THE ENABLING LEGISLATION PERMITTING WOMEN TO VOTE.

WHILE ALL OF THESE INVENTIVE PIONEERS SHARED A VISION THAT THEIR PRODUCTS/ SERVICES WOULD GAIN WIDE USE BY PROVIDING ECONOMIC, SOCIAL OR PERSONAL BENEFITS, NONE COULD ACTUALLY FORESEE THE GREAT VARIETY OF APPLICATIONS OF THEIR INVENTIONS AND THE GROWTH OF OTHER TECHNOLOGIES THAT WOULD ADAPT THEM TO USES UNIMAGINABLE IN THEIR OWN TIME, AND THAT WOULD TRANSFORM FUTURE CULTURES.

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INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT THE ONLY SOURCE OF CULTURAL CHANGE. GOVERNMENTS, TOO, BOTH DESPOTIC AND DEMOCRATIC, ARE TEMPTED, USUALLY FOR VERY DIFFERENT REASONS. ONE

RATHER QUAIN EXAMPLE OCCURRED IN JAPAN IN 1871 WHEN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SENT FIVE YOUNG GIRLS FROM TRADITIONAL SAMURAI BACKGROUNDS TO THE U.S. FOR TEN YEARS TO ATTEND SCHOOLS HERE. IT WAS HOPED BY THOSE WHO SENT THEM THAT THEY WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY EXPOSED TO WESTERN WAYS SO THAT ON THEIR RETURN THEY COULD INSPIRE A NEW GENERATION OF MALE LEADERSHIP. THIS QUALIFIED AS HEAVY LIFTING, INDEED, IN 19TH CENTURY JAPAN AND, ALTHOUGH THEY DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO IMPROVING WOMEN'S EDUCATION THERE, THE EFFECT UPON THEIR COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT FELL SHORT OF ITS INTENDED MARK.<sup>1</sup>

BACK IN THE USA, THERE IS NO CLEARER EVIDENCE OF CONSCIOUS CULTURE CHANGE BY GOVERNMENT THAN IN OUR MANAGEMENT, AND MISMANAGEMENT, OVER THE LAST 150 YEARS OF OUR INCREASINGLY CONTENTIOUS IMMIGRATION ISSUE. IT HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED FROM AN ECONOMIC, WORKPLACE ISSUE TO ONE OF MULTIPLE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL CHALLENGES TO OUR GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION. IT DRAWS LINES OF EMOTIONAL AND CULTURAL DIVISION THROUGHOUT OUR SOCIETY AND ENABLES OTHER ARGUMENTS THAT OPPOSE OUR TRADITIONS AND CULTURE TO GAIN ACCESS, AUDIENCE AND TRACTION IN OUR LAND, NOTABLY, FOR EXAMPLE, OUR GROWING ISLAMIC PRESENCE.

OTHER EXAMPLES OF CONSCIOUS GOVERNMENTAL CULTURE CHANGE ARE EASY TO IDENTITY — PROHIBITION, CIVIL RIGHTS, EDUCATION, THE END OF SLAVERY AND, MOST RECENTLY, THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN OBERGEFELL V. HODGES THAT REDEFINES MARRIAGE. POPULAR MOVEMENTS SUCH AS THESE, OFTEN BEGUN BY ONE PERSON, CAN QUICKLY GAIN MASS THAT EMPOWERS THEM TO BECOME INDEPENDENT OF THEIR FOUNDERS. THEY CAN THEN SET THEIR OWN PACE AND DIRECTION; PICK THEIR LEADERS; BUILD MOMENTUM; CREATE, KNOWINGLY OR NOT, IMMEDIATE RESULTS AND LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES; DEVELOP THE CHARACTER AND CONNECTIONS THEY WILL NEED; AND EVEN ALTER THEIR ORIGINAL MESSAGE WHEN PROGRESS CALLS FOR CHANGE. FOR INSTANCE, OUR COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND THOUGHT HAS SERVED AS AN "OPEN HOUSE" FOR NEW WAYS AND DIRECTIONS OF CULTURAL CHANGE. MOSTLY WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THEM, BUT OUR PROCESS OF ACCEPTANCE IS NOT ENDLESSLY BENIGN AS, WITH THE ADVENT OF MULTICULTURALISM (MC) AND POLITICAL CORRECTNESS (PC), OUR DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, ITSELF, AS WELL AS OUR CULTURE, IS BEING CONSTANTLY DIVIDED AND REDIVIDED. AT THE END, IF WE CONTINUE ON OUR PRESENT PATH, THERE WILL ONLY REMAIN OF OUR CULTURE A MASS OF TINY FRAGMENTS INCAPABLE OF REFLECTING OR SUPPORTING OUR HISTORICAL IDENTITY.

WE ARE WHERE WE ARE BY OUR OWN DOING. WE HAVE COURTED A CULTURE OF VIOLENCE, SEX AND EXCESS AND HAVE ASSIGNED THE LEADING ROLE IN OUR DECLINE TO OUR MSM WHICH ARE ABLY ASSISTED BY OUR FLAWED AND FAILED EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, BY OUR CORRUPT AND UNCONCERNED CONGRESS AND BY THE AMERICAN VOTERS' INABILITY TO EXERCISE THEIR AUTHORITY.

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THESE ARE ALL POWERFUL, NEGATIVE FORCES. WHAT, IF ANYTHING, ARE WE LEFT WITH THAT WILL ENABLE US TO SURVIVE OUR PRESENT CRISIS AND TO RECLAIM OUR CULTURE? ONLY THIS — CULTURAL CHANGE AND DIRECTION CAN BE DETERMINED BY THE CONSCIOUS EFFORTS AND CHOICES OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS, INCLUDING IN THE LATTER EVEN RELUCTANT GOVERNMENT. WE SAY "RELUCTANT" BECAUSE TODAY IN WASHINGTON THERE IS ENERGY ONLY FOR POLITICS — NOT FOR GOVERNMENT.

## THE ISLAMIC MISSION

FIRST, BEFORE VENTURING INTO THE MANY DIFFICULT AREAS OF RISK POSED BY OUR CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT WITH ISLAM, WE MUST MAKE TWO THINGS CLEAR. THE FIRST STATES OUR RELIGIOUS POSITION. WE BELIEVE UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT ANYONE WHO COMES TO AMERICA HAS THE RIGHT TO THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION AS EXPRESSED IN OUR CONSTITUTION'S FIRST AMENDMENT.<sup>2</sup> THIS BRIEF PROMISE HAS GENERATED A LONG AND INTENSE POLITICAL, LEGAL AND RELIGIOUS ARGUMENT OVER ITS MEANING AND APPLICATION.

OUR VIEW AND, WE THINK, THAT OF OUR FOUNDERS IS THAT RELIGIOUS FAITH IS BOTH A PERSONAL MATTER OF MULTIPLE CHARACTERISTICS THAT DEFINE AN INDIVIDUAL AND ALSO A MATTER OF BELIEF THAT ONE IS ENTITLED TO HOLD IN AN OPEN SOCIETY SUCH AS OURS. WORSHIP IS SOMETHING ELSE, AS IT INVOLVES THE EXPRESSION OF FAITH IN SMALL OR LARGE GROUPS BEYOND THE INDIVIDUALS' BORDERS.

AS MOST FAITHS PROCLAIM UNIQUE ELEMENTS/ ATTITUDES OF DIVINE ORIGINS, THEIR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE CAN BE PROBLEMATIC, AND EVEN IMPOSSIBLE, WHEN THEIR EXPRESSION REQUIRES THE RESTRICTION OR ELIMINATION OF OTHERS.

AS A PRACTICAL MATTER WE FEEL THAT OUR CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES THE RIGHT TO BELIEVE BUT DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE EXERCISE OF THAT BELIEF IF IT LIMITS OR DENIES OTHER BELIEFS, OR HARMS THEIR HOLDERS AND/OR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. WE THINK THIS CONCEPT IS ABSOLUTELY BASIC TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF OUR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AND TO MANY OF THE THORNY ISSUES THAT HAVE DERIVED FROM IT.

OUR SECOND POINT OF CLARIFICATION IS THAT CONTEMPORARY ISLAM IS VERY MUCH A "MIXED BAG" OF DIFFERENT SECTS, TRIBES, ECONOMIES, BOUNDARIES, PURPOSES AND DEGREES OF "RELIGIOUS PURITY". THE MOST EVIDENT CONFRONTATION WITHIN ISLAM IS BETWEEN THE ARAB SUNNI SAUDI MONARCHY AND THE PERSIAN SHIITE IRANIAN THEOCRACY, BUT THERE ARE OTHER LESSER ONES THAT HAVE PLAYED SUPPORTING ROLES IN ISLAM'S RECENT RISE AND CHALLENGE TO WCIV. TRIBES IN THE NEAR EAST (NE) ARE SMALLER IN POPULATION BUT LONGER IN EXISTENCE THAN MANY OF THE REGION'S NATIONS WHICH HAVE ONLY BEEN CREATED IN THE

PAST CENTURY. AS THEY ARE DIVIDED BY A HOST OF LOCAL, RELIGIOUS AND ECONOMIC ISSUES, WHICH SEEM BEYOND THE REACH OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO SOLVE, THE POSSIBILITY OF STATE COLLAPSE IS ALWAYS PRESENT.

THE ISLAM WE FACE TODAY IS COMPOSED OF SO MANY SHADES, SIZES AND SHAPES IN CONSTANT MOTION THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO CLEARLY IDENTIFY THEIR NUMBERS OR IDENTITY. AS A RESULT, WE MUST USE THE BROADER TERM OF ISLAM IN REFERRING TO BOTH THE MANY PARTS OF THE MUSLIM POLITICAL PROCESS AND TO EXPANDING ISLAM AS A CULTURAL THREAT TO AMERICA AND WCIV.

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ISLAM, THROUGH ITS TEXTS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRACTICES AND BEHAVIOR, CONTRADICTS OUR AMERICAN CULTURE ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF ITS VALUES AND PURPOSES. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN TRUE THROUGHOUT OUR EXISTENCE. WE HAVE NEITHER THE AUTHORITY NOR THE MEANS TO DIVIDE ISLAM INTO COMPONENT PARTS THAT CAN BE ABSOLVED OR HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VERY BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OUR CULTURES, A TACTIC FAVORED BY MULTI-CULTURALISTS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

THE IMPORTANT TASK FOR OUR TIME AND GOVERNMENT IS TO RECOGNIZE THE DANGERS THAT CONFRONT US AND LET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DECIDE WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE RESISTED. THREATS TO NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY/SECURITY CAN COME IN MULTIPLE FORMS — MILITARY, POLITICAL, COMMERCIAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL, ALL READY TO BE RECORDED BY HISTORY.

ANY ASSUMPTION THAT ISLAM CAN BE ASSIMILATED INTO A WIDER WORLD CULTURE RUNS COUNTER TO EVERYTHING ISLAM HAS CLAIMED AS ITS MISSION SINCE ITS FOUNDING. IT IS WHAT IT IS, AND THAT HAS BEEN, AND STILL CAN BE, AGGRESSIVE. EXPANSIVE ISLAM IS NOT PART OF AN ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY OF LIKE-MINDED EQUALS. IT IS NOT JUST ANOTHER RELIGION WE COULD EASILY ADD TO OUR MOSTLY JUDAEO-CHRISTIAN MIX. IT IS A CONTROLLING FAITH BENT ON ORDERING LAWS, CULTURE AND WORSHIP IN WAYS THAT LEAVE LITTLE OR, MOSTLY, NO ROOM FOR INDIVIDUALITY. AND, WHERE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ARISE, WE SHOULD EXPECT NO DISCUSSION GROUPS, AS PERSUASION AND ENFORCEMENT ARE OFTEN ONE AND THE SAME. SO AGAIN WE ARE FACED WITH THE QUESTION — “WHERE, HOW AND BY WHOM WILL THE LINE OF SEPARATION BETWEEN MODERATE AND AGGRESSIVE ISLAM BE DRAWN?”

IN AMERICA WE HAVE COME TO REGARD OUR LONG HISTORY OF SAFETY AS A GOD-GIVEN RIGHT THAT WILL ALWAYS PROTECT US FROM THE LOSS OF TERRITORIAL AND CULTURAL INTEGRITY INFLICTED BY MOST WARS. AND, WHILE MODERN WEAPONRY IS SHRINKING OUR SAFETY ZONE, ISLAM HAS A GOD AND ENERGY OF ITS OWN WHICH IT IS IN THE PROCESS OF REASSERTING IN BOTH THE EAST AND WEST.

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AND KNOWING THAT IT CAN BE INFLUENCED AND CHANGED BY CONSCIOUS INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP EFFORTS, WE MUST BE AWARE THAT ISLAM’S GREATEST THREAT TO THE U.S. IS NOT ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF THE NE BUT WITHIN THE VAGUELY DRAWN BOUNDARIES OF OUR CULTURE. VERY FEW PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THE PRESENT DANGER THAT EXPANDING ISLAM POSES TO OUR TRADITIONAL CULTURAL IDENTITY. WE ARE LIVING IN A PAUL REVERE MOMENT, BUT THE INVADING FORCE WILL NOT BE BRITISH ARRIVING “ONE IF BY LAND AND TWO IF BY SEA”.<sup>3</sup> IT WILL BE MUSLIM BY LAND, SEA AND AIR.

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WITHIN THE EVER SHIFTING ELEMENTS OF OUR CULTURE WITH WHICH ISLAM IS IN CONFLICT NONE IS MORE BASIC, MORE ESTABLISHED IN THE LAW, CUSTOM AND SOCIO-ECONOMICS OF OUR DEMOCRATIC EXPERIMENT THAN OUR LONG-RUNNING IMMIGRATION ISSUE WITH ITS MANY OPPOSING POLITICAL FACETS, INTERESTS, PURPOSES AND LEGISLATION. IT HAS BEEN WITH US SINCE OUR BEGINNING AND SHOWS NO SIGN OF RESOLUTION. IN NUMEROUS WAYS ISLAM CONTRADICTS WHAT HAS BEEN THE ESSENTIAL, ENDURING ASPECT OF OUR IMMIGRATION POLICY FOR 150 YEARS — ASSIMILATION.

AT OUR BEGINNING, THE COUNTRY’S LEADING FOUNDERS WERE MOSTLY UNITED IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO IMMIGRATION. WHILE THE SPIRIT OF NEWLY GAINED INDEPENDENCE AND THE TASK OF ESTABLISHING A NEW FORM OF POPULAR GOVERNMENT PREVAILED, THERE WERE LINGERING PROBLEMS WITH THE BRITISH MINORITY AND ENGLAND’S TRADE POLICIES THAT LED TO THE WAR OF 1812. ALTHOUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED SOME BASIC REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO NATURALIZATION, IT DID NOT PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN IMMIGRATION POLICY OR ENFORCEMENT WHICH WERE THEN TREATED AS FUNCTIONS OF THE STATES; AND THOSE IMMIGRANTS WHO WERE ALLOWED LIMITED ENTRY WERE CHARGED A FEE.

OVER THE COURSE OF THE 19TH CENTURY AS OUR NATION MOVED WESTWARD, MORE GOODS, SERVICES AND PEOPLE WERE NEEDED TO TRANSFORM THE NATURAL ABUNDANCE OF OUR LAND INTO A FUNCTIONAL, INDUSTRIAL ECONOMY THAT WOULD ALLOW THE US TO CLAIM AND EXERCISE WORLD POWER STATUS.

A BRIEF FLIRTATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND IMMIGRATION TOOK PLACE WHEN, IN 1864, CONGRESS PUT IN PLACE A FEDERAL AGENCY AND COMMISSIONERS TO CONDUCT IMMIGRATION POLICY AS A FUNCTION OF THE DEPT. OF STATE. BRIEF, BECAUSE LABOR INTERESTS OBJECTED, AND THE LEGISLATION WAS REPEALED, BUT THE DEMANDS OF OUR ECONOMIC EXPANSION COULD NOT BE REPEALED, AND IN 1891 CONGRESS REVISITED THE ISSUE AND TRANSFERRED ALL IMMIGRATION POLICY AND ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE NEWLY FORMED BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION IN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. IN THE TIME BETWEEN THEN AND NOW IT HAS UNDERGONE MULTIPLE CHANGES OF TITLE, LOCATION, POLICY AND LEGISLATION. GIVEN THE ONGOING CHANGES IN OUR POPULATION, POLITICS AND

POWER STRUCTURE, THERE HAVE BEEN FEW CONSTANTS IN OUR IMMIGRATION ISSUE'S DEVELOPMENT. THERE IS ONE, HOWEVER, THAT HAS WITHSTOOD THE FORCES FOR CHANGE UNTIL NOW. IT IS ASSIMILATION.

ASSIMILATION, IN THE AMERICAN IMMIGRATION ARGUMENT, IS FOUNDATIONAL. IT IS BEDROCK ! IT IS THE HEART OF THE UNWRITTEN CONTRACT BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENT AND THOSE TO WHOM WE GRANT ENTRY, NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP. IT DID NOT BECOME POLICY BY DECREE DURING THE CIVIL WAR WHEN OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FIRST INVOLVED ITSELF WITH IMMIGRATION MATTERS. RATHER, IT GREW OUT OF THE LABOR NEEDS OF OUR EXPANDING LATE 19TH CENTURY ECONOMY.

THE NATION THEN HAD MOSTLY AN AGRICULTURAL/RANCHING ECONOMY IN THE PROCESS OF CONVERTING TO INDUSTRY AND AT THAT TIME, AND INTO THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY, THOSE BORN ON THE LAND TENDED TO STAY ON THE LAND. THE IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN INDUSTRIAL WORKERS SATISFIED A BASIC NEED OF OUR ECONOMIC EXPANSION AND PUT IN PLACE A PROCESS FOR REGULATING WAGES AND PRICES THAT WELL SERVED THE NEEDS OF BOTH LABOR AND MANAGEMENT FOR CLOSE TO A CENTURY.

WE MUST REMEMBER THAT DURING THIS SAME PERIOD (1864-1965) IMMIGRATION WAS REGARDED AS A PRIVILEGE GRANTED BY THE HOST COUNTRY TO ITS NEW ARRIVALS. IN RETURN, THE LATTER HAD TO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS HAVING A BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND AMERICAN HISTORY, AS WELL AS A JOB OFFER AND/OR A FINANCIAL SPONSOR SO THAT THE IMMIGRANT WOULD NOT BECOME A PUBLIC CHARGE. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS WERE GIVEN TO IDENTIFY AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

AND, AS WE MOVED AWAY FROM IMMIGRATION'S 19TH CENTURY ORIGINS AND INTO THE GROWING POLITICAL ANTAGONISMS OF THE 20TH, WE EVEN INSERTED LANGUAGE IN OUR IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION THAT SET THE HOLDING OF POLITICAL BELIEFS CONTRARY TO OUR OWN AS A VALID REASON FOR EXCLUSION.

THE WRITTEN CONTRACT OF OUR LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE DETERMINED IF, HOW AND WHEN NEWCOMERS COULD BE ADMITTED AND BEGIN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING AN AMERICAN. IT WAS DELIVERED WITHIN THE SPAN OF A FEW DAYS AT ENTRY POINTS SUCH AS ELLIS ISLAND IN NYC'S HARBOR AND ELSEWHERE. UNLESS THE IMMIGRANT VIOLATED THE TERMS OF HIS/HER GRANT OF ENTRY, OR IN SOME OTHER WAY RAN AFOUL OF OUR STATE/FEDERAL LAWS, THE PATH TO NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP WOULD BE DIRECT AND AT ITS CONCLUSION HE/SHE WOULD BE FREE OF GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION, ALL WITHIN A TIME FRAME OF A FEW YEARS.

BUT THERE WAS A LONGER, MORE IMPORTANT UNWRITTEN CONTRACT THAT GREW OUT OF OUR 18TH CENTURY INNOCENCE AND EXUBERANCE OVER OUR NEW SOCIAL, TERRITORIAL AND ECONOMIC STATUS. IT WAS ASSIMILATION AND, ALTHOUGH IT WORKED ITS MAGIC AT THE INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY

LEVELS, IT ALSO ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A KEY ELEMENT IN OUR IMMIGRATION POLICY DISCUSSIONS.

THIS CONTRAST WAS ONE OF LARGE, BUT EQUAL, HUMAN EXCHANGES IN WHICH AMERICANS WELCOMED THEIR NEW NEIGHBORS BY ALLOWING THEM TO LIVE, WORK, LEARN AND WORSHIP WITHOUT INTERFERENCE IN RETURN FOR WHICH THE NEW AMERICANS EMBRACED OUR LAW, DEMOCRACY AND LANGUAGE AND EXCHANGED ALL PREVIOUS ALLEGIANCES, TITLES, IDENTITIES, DISTINCTIONS, ETC. FOR OUR FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY.

AS WITH ANY PROCESS THAT HAS TO WORK ON A NATIONAL SCALE, THERE WERE FAILURES AND RECURRENT PROBLEMS, BUT FOR THE MOST PART OUR POLICY OF ASSIMILATION PRODUCED AN EXTRAORDINARY CULTURAL SWAP FROM WHICH BOTH OLDER AND NEWER AMERICANS BENEFITTED. WELL MANAGED, OUR SYSTEM OF ASSIMILATION COULD FULFILL TWO IMPORTANT ECONOMIC FUNCTIONS, SO THAT BY THEIR SECOND GENERATION MOST IMMIGRANTS COULD MOVE UP ECONOMICALLY INTO OUR MIDDLE CLASS, AND THEREBY MAKE ROOM AT THE BOTTOM FOR NEW ENTRANTS.

WE DO NOT IGNORE THE MANY BITTER AND OFTEN VIOLENT DISPLAYS OF RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC AND RACIAL DIFFERENCES THAT OCCURRED, BUT THEY WERE EXCEPTIONS TO THE BROADER PATTERN OF ACCEPTANCE. IT WAS ASSIMILATION THAT MADE POSSIBLE THE SUCCESS OF OUR FIRST CENTURY OF IMMIGRATION. IT WAS NOT AN ORDER HANDED DOWN BY SOME ANONYMOUS COMMITTEE IN THE LABYRINTH OF GOVERNMENT, BUT GREW OUT OF A COMBINATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PRODUCED A RARE EXCHANGE OF HUMANITARIAN VALUES. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN CREATED AND HONORED IN OUR CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY.

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“ . . . ASSIMILATION BECAME A BLESSING TO WHICH WE BECAME ACCUSTOMED AND THEN TOOK FOR GRANTED.”

AT SOME POINT IN THE HISTORICAL PROCESS, THE PASSAGE OF TIME REARRANGES THE SCALE AND OUR PERSPECTIVE OF THE MULTITUDE OF EVENTS THAT FORM OUR NATIONAL LIFE AND CHARACTER. IN THIS COURSE, AS THINGS MOVE, SHAPES CHANGE OR BLUR AND COLORS FADE, HISTORY AND CULTURE ARE JOINED WITH EACH EMPLOYING AND DISPLAYING ASPECTS OF THE OTHER. SO IT WAS WITH ASSIMILATION IN THE CENTURY FROM 1864-1965. AN ISSUE THAT HAD ITS ROOTS IN LABOR AND ECONOMIC MATTERS WAS ABLE, BY MEETING HUMAN NEEDS, TO PRODUCE A SYMMETRIC SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS AND PRESSURES OF A TIME OF EXCEPTIONAL GROWTH AND CHANGE. PERHAPS ALL TOO PREDICTABLY, ASSIMILATION BECAME A BLESSING TO WHICH WE BECAME ACCUSTOMED AND THEN TOOK FOR GRANTED.

WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT IN 1965, EVERY ASPECT OF IMMIGRATION IN AMERICA, INCLUDING ASSIMILATION, CHANGED. WITHOUT

GOING INTO THE DETAILS OF THIS LEGISLATION, THREE MAJOR CONSEQUENCES DESERVE BRIEF MENTION.

THE FIRST IS THAT NEITHER OUR LEGISLATIVE NOR OUR EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT HAS MADE ANY EFFORT TO ENFORCE THIS ACT SINCE THE END OF THE REAGAN PRESIDENCY DESPITE THE FACT THAT MOST AMERICANS (APPROX. 65%) FAVORED ENFORCEMENT. PUBLIC OPINION, HOWEVER, WAS NO MATCH FOR THE POWERFUL COMBINATION OF CORPORATE, RELIGIOUS, MEDIA AND POLITICAL INTERESTS THAT PREVAILED IN WASHINGTON.

THE SECOND, AND PROBABLY MORE LETHAL, RESULT WAS THAT A NEW ATTITUDE WAS FORMING AND BEING PROCLAIMED HERE AND ABROAD THAT IN THE POSTWAR WORLD IMMIGRATION WAS NO LONGER A PRIVILEGE GRANTED BY THE HOST COUNTRY, BUT A HUMAN RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLES TO MIGRATE TO DESTINATIONS OF THEIR CHOICE. THIS NEW THEORY FOUND FAVOR IN THE UN, IN THE EUROPEAN UNION, AMONG LIBERAL LEFT POLITICAL FACTIONS AND THOSE MANY COMMERCIAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC INTERESTS THAT BENEFIT FROM MIGRANT MOVEMENTS. IT FOUND EXPRESSION IN BOTH THE LEGAL AND EXTRA-LEGAL APPLICATIONS OF OUR IMMIGRATION LAW THROUGH EMPHASIZING FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND OTHER EXPANSIVE MEASURES WHICH TRANSFERRED CONTROL OF OUR IMMIGRATION NUMBERS FROM GOVERNMENT TO THE IMMIGRANT.

AND IT SOUNDED THE DEATH KNEEL FOR ASSIMILATION WHICH REQUIRED PATIENCE, ADAPTATION AND EDUCATION TO OVERCOME THE DIFFICULTIES OF BOTH IMMIGRATION'S EARLY MOMENTS AND THE DECADES OR GENERATIONS THAT FOLLOWED.

THE SYMMETRY OF LOGIC, BENEFITS AND RESULTS PROVIDED BY ASSIMILATION WERE UNIQUE. IN THE AMERICA WE HAVE BECOME THESE CANNOT BE REGAINED NOR REPLICATED. THEY WILL NO LONGER SERVE AS A STANDARD FOR US TO ASPIRE TO AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED.

AS SUCCESSFULLY AS ASSIMILATION HAS SERVED OUR NATIONAL IMMIGRATION PROBLEM AND PROCESS, IT HAS DRAWN EARLY, HEAVY AND CONSISTENT FIRE FROM MULTICULTURALISTS OVER THE LAST HALF CENTURY. THEIRS IS A DEVIOS MESSAGE THAT REQUIRES A STEADY FLOW OF IMMIGRANTS TO PROVIDE THE VOTES AND DOLLARS THAT FUEL ITS EFFORTS. WE SAY "DEVIOS" BECAUSE MC OFFERS THE CELEBRATION AND CONTINUATION OF THE IMMIGRANT'S OLD IDENTITY AND OBSCURES THE LARGER AND LONGER ADVANTAGES OF ASSIMILATION. THIS IS "BAIT AND SWITCH" AT WORK IN AN ISSUE CAPABLE OF A DEFINING IMPACT ON OUR DEMOCRACY AND WAY OF LIFE.

THE LURE OF MC TO NEW ARRIVALS IN AN ALIEN LAND IS THAT IT CAN SOFTEN THE SHOCK IMPOSED BY THEIR NEW CULTURE; IT PERMITS THEM TO MAINTAIN KEY PARTS OF THEIR NATIVE IDENTITY; IT GRANTS THEM THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL STRENGTH OF A GROUP CONSISTING OF THEIR OWN KIND WITH A HYPHENATED AMERICAN NAME THAT WILL EASE THEIR TRANSITION AND SET THE TERMS FOR THEIR BECOMING AMERICANS.

MC DEPENDS FOR ITS SUCCESS UPON CELEBRATING THE EXISTENCE OF EVERY GROUP, NO MATTER ITS SIZE, ORIGIN OR

CULTURE, THAT ENTERS OUR AMERICAN SOCIETY. IT SLICES AND ARRANGES THESE IN PIECES OF INCREASINGLY SMALLER SIZE AND IN THE END THERE WILL BE ONLY PIECES OF OUR COUNTRY, NO COUNTRY ITSELF. IT COMPLETELY REVERSES "E PLURIBUS UNUM" AND WILL DO AWAY WITH ASSIMILATION AS A GOAL FOR BOTH NEWCOMERS AND OUR IMMIGRATION POLICY.

WE SHOULD MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THIS; THERE IS MONEY, BIG MONEY, IN PLAY IN MC. THE POWER, REAL OR ONLY CLAIMED, IN REPRESENTING SUBSETS WITHIN OUR SOCIETY IS REGULARLY AND EFFICIENTLY APPLIED TO CORPORATE AMERICA AT ITS MOST SENSITIVE POLITICAL, MARKETPLACE AND LABOR FORCE POINTS. ANOTHER RICH VEIN OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR A VARIETY OF GROUPS IS OUR PRIVATE CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS WHOSE INTERESTS, ALTHOUGH MORE SOCIAL THAN COMMERCIAL, CAN BE SUBJECT TO MC EXPLOITATION. LARAZA, FOR INSTANCE, AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO LATINO ADVANCEMENT, HAS BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM THE FORD FOUNDATION OVER THE PAST HALF CENTURY.

## ENTER ISLAM

BEFORE ENGAGING THE MANY PARTS AND WAYS OF ISLAMIC EXPANSION, WE MUST RESTATE THE NATURE OF OUR CONCERN AND THE EXTENT OF OUR INTEREST. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO GROUPS' OR INDIVIDUALS' RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. THEY ARE PROPERLY PERSONAL AND INTERNAL MATTERS RIGHTFULLY GUARANTEED BY OUR CONSTITUTION, AS WELL AS THEIR "FREE EXERCISE".<sup>4</sup> IT IS THIS PHRASE "FREE EXERCISE" THAT HAS BEEN TWISTED BY LEGAL ARGUMENT TO ALLOW A FAR BROADER INTERPRETATION THAN EVEN OUR DEMOCRACY CAN SUPPORT. IN OUR OPINION THE EXERCISE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM CAN FAIRLY EXTEND ONLY AS FAR AS THE COMMON RIGHTS OF THE LARGER COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE. AS EXAMPLE, PERSONAL BELIEF IN ANIMAL SACRIFICE IS RECOGNIZED; ITS EXERCISE BY ROASTING AN ANIMAL IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE IS NOT. IN BETWEEN, SAY IN A CIRCUMSTANCE OF PUBLIC ADVOCACY, WHERE FREE SPEECH PROTECTION CAN JOIN THE ISSUE AND BRING FRESH FORCES TO THE BATTLEFIELD, THE ARGUMENT WILL BE WIDENED BY ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVES AND INTERPRETATIONS. EVEN WITH ADVOCACY, A MAN ADDRESSING A CROWD IN A PARK PROCLAIMING A FAITH MARKED BY ANIMAL SACRIFICE IS ONE THING; THE SAME MAN URGING THE CROWD TO EXPRESS THIS FAITH BY GOING TO YOUR HOUSE AND SACRIFICING YOUR DOG OR CAT IS QUITE ANOTHER.

WE CANNOT HOPE TO BE ABLE TO EVALUATE ISLAM'S THREAT TO OUR CULTURE WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING THE PRECEDING BACKGROUND OF IMMIGRATION AND ASSIMILATION. OUR EXPERIENCE OF ISLAM IS NOT AN EASY ONE BECAUSE IT IS PARTLY RELIGIOUS AND PARTLY POLITICAL AND OUR DEMOCRACY REQUIRES THAT THEY BE SEPARATE. BUT POLITICS AND RELIGION ARE NOT SEPARATED IN THE ISLAMIC HOMELANDS OF THE NE, SE ASIA AND AFRICA, AND THEIR COMBINATION IS BEGINNING TO UNSETTLE TRADITIONAL POLITICS IN EUROPE AS MUSLIM

PENETRATION THERE ACCELERATES.

THE FORM OF ISLAMIC FAITH THAT WE NOW CONFRONT UNDER THE NAME OF THE ISLAMIC STATE (IS) GOES BY MANY NAMES — “EXTREME”, “RADICAL”, “AGGRESSIVE”, “EXPANDING” AND EVEN “TRUE”, AND PRESENTS CONTRADICTIONS THAT WE IN THE WEST ARE NOT LIKELY TO RESOLVE. FOR INSTANCE, HOW CAN THE VIOLENCE AND TORTURE PRACTICED BY IS BE RECONCILED WITH THE CLAIMS TO PEACE AND CO-EXISTENCE OF “MODERATE” ISLAM?

“ . . . ISLAM HAS USED FORCE AND VIOLENCE TO EXTEND ITS RELIGIOUS AND LEGAL AUTHORITY.”

ANOTHER CONTRADICTION IS MORE HISTORICAL. THE PRESENT MANIFESTATION OF RADICAL ISLAM HAS ITS ORIGINS IN EGYPT IN THE 1920’S WITH THE APPEARANCE OF THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD AND ITS BRIEF HISTORY ALLOWS “MODERATES” TO DISCLAIM IT AS AN ANOMALOUS OFF-SHOOT. THIS MAY SERVE AS A CONTEMPORARY AND CONVENIENT WAY TO ESTABLISH SEPARATION, BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT FOR MUCH OF ITS HISTORY ISLAM HAS USED FORCE AND VIOLENCE TO EXTEND ITS RELIGIOUS AND LEGAL AUTHORITY.

FOLLOWING WWI, THE ISLAMIC CALIPHATE THAT HAD DOMINATED LIFE IN THE NE FOR CENTURIES WAS BESET BY EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL STRIFE. MOST NOTABLY, ITS LARGEST POLITICAL ENTITY, TURKEY, WAS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF KEMAL ATATURK WHO WAS DETERMINED TO CONVERT IT TO A MODERN, SECULAR STATE WHICH, WITH WESTERN ASSISTANCE, HE DID.

THIS WAS NOT AN EASY TRANSITION AND TWO STRONG OPPONENTS OF SECULARIZATION WERE HASSAN AL-BANNA, FOUNDER OF THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD, AND HIS KEY ASSISTANT, SAYYID QUTB. IN BRIEF, AL-BANNA WAS KILLED IN 1948 AND QUTB RELOCATED HIMSELF UNDER PRESSURE TO GREELEY, CO. THERE HE DEVELOPED A DEEP DISLIKE FOR ALL THINGS AMERICAN; HE THEN RETURNED TO EGYPT TO JOIN NASSER’S COUP AGAINST KING FAROUK, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY SPLIT FROM HIM OVER HIS FAILURE TO IMPOSE SHARIA LAW. HE CONTINUED HIS ACTIVIST ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH HE WAS ARRESTED, TRIED, CONVICTED AND HANGED IN 1966. AS GOVERNMENT PRESSURE AGAINST THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD INCREASED, MANY OF ITS MEMBERS FLED EGYPT AND TRANSFERRED THEIR OPERATIONS TO MORE HOSPITABLE SAUDI ARABIA. AMONG THESE WERE FUTURE AL QAEDA LEADERS AYMAN AL-ZAWAHIRI AND OSAMA BIN LADEN.<sup>5</sup>

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS BACKGROUND IS THAT IT SO CLEARLY ILLUSTRATES THE DUALITY THAT WE FACE IN SO MANY OF OUR EXPOSURES TO ISLAM. IS IS AN ERRANT BRANCH, OR IS IT THE DNA OF MAINSTREAM ISLAM? THERE ARE OTHER TRAPS WAITING TO CATCH US. WE HAVE COME TO FEEL SAFE AND STRONG IN OUR WCIV BY MINIMIZING THE STRENGTH AND APPEAL OF EXTREME ISLAM, AND YET OUR WESTERN DEMOCRACIES ARE HOME TO GROWING NUMBERS OF SOURCES OF RADICALIZATION FOR THOSE (MOSTLY YOUTH) WHO ARE DRAWN TO THE IS MESSAGE. SOME

OF THESE SOURCES OF RADICALIZATION ARE LOCATED IN MUSLIM ENCLAVES; OTHERS ARE NOT. WHICHEVER, THEIR SUCCESS IS OUR FAILURE FOR WHICH IT’S TIME FOR US TO BECOME AWARE.

IN THINKING ABOUT ISLAM AND OUR RELATIONSHIP TO IT, THE TEMPTATION EXISTS TO MAINTAIN OUR POLITICAL/RELIGIOUS DICHOTOMY, BUT THAT APPROACH WILL FAIL US IN DEALING WITH EXPANDING ISLAM WHICH HARBORS NO SUCH SEPARATIST ILLUSIONS. IT IS BOTH CHURCH AND STATE, AND THEY ARE JOINED EITHER BY STRUCTURE OR ACCOMMODATION. IN EITHER AREA, RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL, MUSLIM THOUGHT IS NOT BURDENED BY OUR COMMITMENT TO INCLUSIONARY WAYS, AN ATTITUDE REINFORCED BY ITS SINGULARLY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SYSTEM.

WITHIN OR WITHOUT ITS POLITICAL/RELIGIOUS CONCERNS ITS GOALS ARE DIFFERENT FROM OURS. IT HAS DEVELOPED A STRONG CULTURAL CONSCIENCE AND READILY ACCEPTS THAT CULTURES CAN BE INFLUENCED BY CONSCIOUS INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP DECISIONS. POLITICALLY, RELIGIOUSLY AND CULTURALLY OUR TWO SOCIETIES SHARE THE THREAT OF BEING POLAR OPPOSITES AND NOWHERE IS THIS MORE EVIDENT THAN THE EXPERIENCE OF ASSIMILATION.

ASSIMILATION, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL CORE OF OUR IMMIGRATION EXPERIENCE DURING ITS FORMATIVE CENTURY, IS ANATHEMA TO CONTEMPORARY, EXPANDING ISLAM FOR WHOM IT IS VIEWED AS NEITHER A GOAL NOR A BENEFIT. THIS MINDSET DERIVES FROM THE TEACHINGS IN ISLAM’S HOLY TEXT, THE QURAN. WITHIN IT THERE ARE MIXED ATTITUDES EXPRESSED TOWARDS CHRISTIANS AND JEWS — SOME COMPLIMENTARY, BUT MANY MORE THAT ARE CRITICAL, BITTER AND VIOLENT — WHICH MUSLIM CHILDREN ARE MADE TO ABSORB BEGINNING IN THEIR EARLIEST SCHOOL, AND EVEN PRE-SCHOOL, YEARS. THIS IS A CULTURAL IMPRINT SECOND TO NONE AND POSES A MAJOR PROBLEM IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ISLAM.

IT IS ALSO THE SOURCE OF OUR GREATEST QUANDARY IN SETTING POLICY FOR THIS RELATIONSHIP. WE RECOGNIZE GLOBAL ISLAM AS HAVING A POPULATION OF SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 2 AND 2.5 BILLION. WE FACE EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL/RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE AND WARFARE FROM WESTERN AFRICA TO SE ASIA WAGED AGAINST BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN TARGETS WITHOUT CONSIDERATION FOR AGE OR GENDER.

AND YET WE ARE TOLD BY OUR MUSLIM POLITICAL ALLIES, COMMERCIAL FRIENDS AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS THAT THE WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE IN EUROPE/ASIA/AFRICA AND THE LESSER, BUT GROWING, INCIDENCE IN OUR HEMISPHERE, IS PERPETRATED BY A SMALL MINORITY AND THAT THEIR CONDUCT IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE “MODERATE” MUSLIM MAJORITY. BUT WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF THIS; WE HAVE NO IDENTIFYING NAMES OR NUMBERS. WE HAVE ONLY CONSEQUENCES WHICH RESULT AS MUCH FROM OUR UNSUCCESSFUL FOREIGN RELATIONS AS OUR INABILITY/UNWILLINGNESS TO ADMIT THAT EXPANDING ISLAM POSES A POWERFUL THREAT TO OUR CULTURE, WAY OF LIFE AND SECURITY.

THE CONCEPT OF ISLAM AS A THREAT TO THE UNIQUE CULTURE WE HAVE CREATED IN OUR UNITED STATES DOES NOT

GAIN MUCH ATTENTION OR TRACTION IN WASHINGTON THESE DAYS, AND UNFORTUNATELY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HAS BECOME SO LULLED INTO A STATE OF POLITICAL SEDATION BY THE MEDIA AND THE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES THAT IT CANNOT FUNCTION AS THE COUNTRY'S GUARDIAN AS EFFECTIVELY AS IT HAS IN THE PAST.

## “A GOVERNMENT OF LAWS NOT OF MEN”<sup>6</sup>

INCREASINGLY, IT SEEMS, AS OUR GOVERNMENT'S ENFORCEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS FAIL US, WE CALL ON THIS STATEMENT TO DEFINE US AND, HOPEFULLY, TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE VALUES THAT WE HAVE ABANDONED. OUR RELIANCE UPON IT BY POLITICIANS FROM BOTH PARTIES INDICATES THAT OUR “LAW” AND ITS TRADITIONS ARE STILL IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF OUR POLITICAL HERITAGE EVEN THOUGH WE NO LONGER HOLD THEM IN THE SAME RESPECT AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST.

LAW IS AN ESSENTIAL AND PRIME CHARACTERISTIC OF NATIONAL CULTURE. OURS WAS BOTH ADAPTED AND DISTINGUISHED FROM THE ANGLO-SAXON TRADITIONS THAT PRECEDED IT, MOST NOTABLY MAGNA CARTA IN 1215, WHICH LIMITED ROYAL POWER BY ESTABLISHING A HIGHER, PUBLIC AUTHORITY TO WHICH BOTH ROYALTY AND COMMONERS WOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. AS THE CONCEPT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN ENGLAND GREW AND AS WE ADDED TO IT THE EXPANDED FREEDOMS OF OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND CONSTITUTION, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL AND GOVERNMENT WAS TRANSFORMED IN WAYS UNIMAGINABLE A CENTURY OR TWO BEFORE THE REVOLUTIONS HERE AND IN FRANCE THAT CLOSED OUT THE 18TH CENTURY.

OUR LEGAL SYSTEM AND CULTURE HAD TO DEVELOP IN AREAS THAT CONTAINED SPANISH, FRENCH AND NATIVE AMERICAN POPULATIONS, AND ON THE FRONTIER WHERE COMMUNITIES HAD TO BE BUILT FROM SCRATCH BY SETTLERS WHOSE FIRST PRIORITY WAS SURVIVAL. AS IT EXPANDED OVER TIME AND THROUGH TERRITORY, OUR LEGAL CULTURE CAME TO SERVE A VARIETY OF INTERESTS — AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL, RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC, RACIAL, SOCIAL, LABOR, MANAGEMENT, RANCHING, MINING, SHIPPING, RAIL, ETC. IN DOING SO WE DEVELOPED A UNIQUE LEGAL SYSTEM. THERE WERE FAILURES, FALSE STARTS, CORRECTIONS AND NEW BEGINNINGS, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL.

WITH THE END OF WWII THE GI BILL EXTENDED EDUCATION TO ALL WHO HAD SERVED IN OUR ARMED SERVICES. THIS WAS AN ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT GAME CHANGER WHICH ALLOWED MILLIONS OF VETERANS TO ATTAIN COLLEGE AND GRADUATE DEGREES THAT OTHERWISE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO THEM, AND WHICH GREATLY ENLARGED OUR SUPPLY OF DOCTORS, LAWYERS, ACCOUNTANTS, ARCHITECTS, TEACHERS, ECONOMISTS, SCIENTISTS, ETC.

LAWYERS ARE OF SPECIAL NOTE. THEY LITIGATE; THAT'S WHAT THEY DO. AND, AS OUR POSTWAR WORLD BECAME PROGRESSIVELY MORE PROSPEROUS AND POWERFUL, THE CONDUCT OF CIVIL, PERSONAL AND CRIMINAL LITIGATION

ACCELERATED TO KEEP PACE. OVER OUR TWO POSTWAR GENERATIONS OUR LEGAL CULTURE HAS CHANGED IN BOTH ITS TONE AND USAGE, TRANSFORMING ITSELF FROM WHAT HAD BEEN A MOSTLY DEFENSIVE POSTURE TO ITS PRESENT HIGHLY AGGRESSIVE MODEL, AND OFFERING YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW GOVERNMENT CAN CHANGE CULTURE.

OUR LAW HAS NOW BECOME A VICTIM OF ITS SIZE AND INTENTIONS. IT HAS BECOME UNWIELDY DUE TO THE NEGLECT OF OUR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND THE BURDEN IMPOSED ON IT BY MC'S CONTINUING SUBDIVISIONS. AND YET, LIKE MT. RUSHMORE, THE GRAND CANYON AND NIAGARA FALLS, IT HAS AN INSTITUTIONAL MAJESTY ALL ITS OWN FROM WHICH, REGARDLESS OF OUR FOLLY, WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN INSEPARABLE. EXPANDING ISLAM HAS THE POTENTIAL TO DESTROY OUR LEGAL CULTURE AND THAT OF WCIV BY UNDERMINING ITS STRUCTURE FROM WITHIN. HOW CAN THIS HAPPEN?

A SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT OF ISLAMIC FAITH IS THE EMBRACE OF ITS VERY STRICT LEGAL CODE NAMED SHARIA AS PROCLAIMED IN THE QURAN. IT DELIVERS SEVERE, CORPORAL PUNISHMENTS AND DEATH SENTENCES FOR OFFENSES WHICH WCIV CONSIDERS SOCIAL IN NATURE RATHER THAN SERIOUSLY CRIMINAL. AMONG THESE ARE ADULTERY, BLASPHEMY AND VIOLATIONS OF DRESS AND BEHAVIOR CODES BY WOMEN.

SHARIA IS NOT PRACTICED IN ITS ENTIRETY THROUGHOUT ISLAM, BUT EVEN WHERE MORE MODERATE BELIEFS PREVAIL IT HOVERS IN THE BACKGROUND. IT IS SUBJECT TO DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS AND, THEREFORE, RULINGS BY DIFFERENT IMAMS. IT IS A HARD MASTER THAT COMMANDS OBEDIENCE FROM THE FAITHFUL AND COMPLICITY FROM CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

AS WITH MUCH ELSE ABOUT ISLAMIC THOUGHT AND LIFE, WE DO NOT HAVE AN ACCURATE MEASUREMENT OF THE NUMBER OF MUSLIMS OF TOTAL, MODERATE OR NO COMMITMENT TO SHARIANIC LAW. SAFE WITHIN THE PROTECTIONS OF OUR WESTERN SYSTEMS OF LAW, WE TEND NOT TO CONCERN OURSELVES ABOUT SHARIA UNTIL OUR ATTENTION IS CAPTURED BY A STORY FROM AN ISLAMIC COMMUNITY OF A CRIMINAL SENTENCE REQUIRING PUNISHMENT BY STONING, AMPUTATION, FLOGGING OR SOME OTHER FORM OF VIOLENCE.

WE ARE SAFE HERE IN AMERICA, PROTECTED BY THE ENLIGHTENED LAWS OF WCIV. AREN'T WE ? THE ANSWER NOW IS “YES”, BUT NOT AS SAFE AS WE LIKE TO THINK. THE U.S., AS THE WESTERN WORLD'S ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND MILITARY SUPERPOWER, IS A PRIZE TARGET FOR ISLAMIC EXPANSION, AND IN ADDITION TO THESE SECULAR ATTRACTIONS OUR RELIGIOUS ELEMENT IS COMPRISED MOSTLY OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS WHO RANK AT THE VERY TOP OF EXTREME ISLAM'S ELIMINATION LIST.

OUR REAL DANGER, HOWEVER, STEMS FROM THE FACT THAT EXTERNAL ISLAMIC PRESSURE ON OUR WCIV LIFE AND CULTURE IS BEING JOINED BY FORCES WITHIN OUR OWN AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES THAT HAVE COMMENCED, AND NOW PURSUE, THE PROCESS OF COMBINING OUR LEGAL SYSTEM WITH SHARIA. THE TWO ARE SO TOTALLY DIFFERENT THAT THIS PROCESS CANNOT BE SEEN AS ONE OF EQUAL EXCHANGE, BUT

RATHER REQUIRES THAT WE ADAPT OUR WCIV LEGAL AND JUSTICE SYSTEM TO INCLUDE AND ACCOMMODATE ELEMENTS OF ISLAMIC LAW.

OUR INITIAL TENDENCY, WHEN FACING SUCH A STATEMENT, IS DENIAL — TO CONSIDER ISLAM’S MOSTLY THIRD WORLD COMFORT ZONE AND THEN OUR OWN VAST WEALTH AND POWER, LEADING US TO IGNORE THAT BIBLICAL TALE REVERED BY JEWS AND CHRISTIANS ALIKE OF DAVID AND GOLIATH.

THE TRUTH OF OUR TIME IS THAT WE HAVE ONLY TO LOOK TO THE CRADLE OF WCIV IN EUROPE TO SEE AN INVASION BY ISLAMIC NUMBERS AND CULTURE THAT PUTS PROOF TO WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN VERY LITTLE TIME IF WESTERN POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS, COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL LEADERS ARE UNWILLING TO DEFEND OUR SHARED CULTURAL INHERITANCE FROM OVER TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO. IN EUROPE — HOME TO ANCIENT GREECE AND ROME, LUTHER’S GERMANY, THE NAPOLEONIC CODE AND ENGLAND’S PARLIAMENT — THE ELEMENTS WERE PUT IN PLACE THAT HAVE ENABLED WCIV TO DEVELOP TO ITS PRESENT STATE. THAT FORM IS UNDER ATTACK BY ISLAMIC SEGMENTS WHICH, NOT SATISFIED BY EUROPE’S HOSPITALITY, NOW PRESS FOR DOMINANCE.

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WHAT DO WE MEAN BY “THREAT”? IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE SPECIFIC IN DEALING WITH ISSUES AS BROAD AS CULTURE AND AS WIDE AS OUR CIVILIZATIONAL BOUNDARIES. THERE ARE MANY SHAPES AND SHADES OF “THREAT”. THERE IS THE SUDDEN, VIOLENT, ARMED INVASION OF ONE TERRITORY BY ANOTHER THAT HUMANS AND OTHER SPECIES HAVE EMPLOYED THROUGH THEIR EONS OF EXISTENCE. AND THERE IS THE FAR MORE GRADUAL, NATURAL TYPE (WHICH, HOWEVER, CAN ALSO BE VIOLENT) OF SHIFTING TECTONIC PLATES AND CHANGING CLIMATE PATTERNS. IN BETWEEN ARE ALMOST ENDLESS VARIATIONS OF NATURAL/ HUMAN CAUSALITY AND PARTICIPATION.

FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE WE VIEW “THREAT” TO BE THE OPPOSITION, REAL OR IMAGINED, OF ONE FORCE ACTING AGAINST ANOTHER FORCE OR ENTITY WITH THE POWER, AND SOMETIMES THE INTENT, TO ALTER, DESTROY OR ELIMINATE IT. WITH ISLAM, THE AGGRESSIVE FORCE IS PRIMARILY A RELIGIOUS ONE WHICH ALSO TARGETS OUR CIVIC AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS.

JUST AS THERE ARE “ALMOST ENDLESS VARIATIONS” OF THREAT IN OUR LIVES, THERE ARE EQUALLY NUMEROUS WAYS FOR US TO RESPOND. THE ONE, COMMON DENOMINATOR OF EVERY POSSIBLE DEFENSE IS THAT FIRST THE THREAT MUST BE RECOGNIZED. THIS DOES NOT REQUIRE WARFARE — ECONOMIC, MILITARY, TERRITORIAL OR RELIGIOUS. IT DOES REQUIRE AWARENESS FROM WHICH AN APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY FORM OF RESISTANCE MIGHT BE FASHIONED. THE KIND OF AWARENESS THAT IS NOW REQUIRED IS NOT THE PASSIVE MODEL THAT HAS LATELY BECOME POPULAR IN OUR COUNTRY. RATHER, TODAY, AWARENESS MUST INCLUDE BEING WILLING TO OPENLY DISCUSS OUR CULTURE AND ITS VALUES AND THEN RELATE ISLAM’S STATED

AIMS TO THEM. THIS IS NOT, BY ITSELF, A COMPLICATED TASK, BUT IT WILL BE MET WITH ALARM, CONFUSED PATRIOTISM AND DETERMINED RESISTANCE BY OUR POLITICAL, RELIGIONS, MEDIA AND OTHER SPECIAL INTERESTS. FOR THEM, THE THOUGHT OF SEEKING AND ACTING UPON THE PUBLIC’S OPINION OF OUR CULTURE HAS NO MERIT OR CHANCE OF SUCCESS. AND WE’RE NOT SUGGESTING LEGISLATION HERE; ONLY OPEN DISCUSSION ! IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER TO CREATE AWARENESS OF THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR NATION AND CIVILIZATION OF EXPANDING ISLAM’S PRESENCE AND PURPOSE.

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AT THIS TIME IN THE US AN INCREASING, BUT STILL VERY SMALL, NUMBER OF AMERICANS VIEWS ISLAM’S SHARIA AS A THREAT TO OUR LEGAL SYSTEM. AND YET IN EUROPE, WHERE ISLAMIC SETTLEMENT AND PRACTICE RUN FAR AHEAD OF OUR EXPERIENCE, WE CAN SEE ITS CONSEQUENCES. KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE ISLAMIC CONFLICTS THAT BEST EUROPE ARE THE BASIC FIGURES BELOW SHOWING THE NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES OF SOME MUSLIM POPULATIONS:<sup>7</sup>

- FRANCE - 4.7 MILLION (7.5%)
- GERMANY - 4.7 MILLION (5.8%)
- U.K. - 2.9 MILLION (4.8%)

OFTEN NUMBERS BY THEMSELVES ARE MANAGEABLE WHEREAS THEIR UNDERLYING FORCES CONVERT THEM TO A THREAT. IN EUROPE AN UNUSUAL ALLIANCE OF INTERESTS HAS CAUSED THIS TO OCCUR. MUSLIM ARRIVALS HAVE SHUNNED ANY MEANINGFUL ASSIMILATION BY ESTABLISHING THEIR OWN EXCLUSIVE ENCLAVES WHERE THEIR ISOLATION ALSO SERVES THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PURPOSE OF HOST COUNTRIES’ GOVERNMENTS. OVER TIME, THESE RESTRICTED COMMUNITIES HAVE BECOME BREEDING GROUNDS FOR POVERTY, DISCONTENT AND VIOLENCE TO THE DEGREE THAT BOTH PARTIES TO THIS “CONTRACT”, IMMIGRANTS AND HOSTS ALIKE, NOW FIND THAT ITS FAULTS OUTWEIGH ITS BENEFITS, AND THEY ARE LEFT WITH AN INCREASINGLY BITTER AND DIFFICULT PROBLEM RATHER THAN A SOLUTION.

IN THESE MUSLIM ONLY ENCLAVES ANY KIND OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN DETERIORATE INTO ETHNIC CONFRONTATION AND CONFLICT WITH LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY. THIS HAS LED GOVERNMENTS IN EUROPE TO ALLOW THESE COMMUNITIES TO DEAL WITH “MINOR” LOCAL LEGAL ISSUES SUCH AS DOMESTIC RELATIONS, DEBTS, CONTRACTS, BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, ETC. WITHIN THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO AVOID UNNECESSARY INTERVENTION.

BUT THERE IS A DOWNSIDE TO THIS ALSO, AS MUSLIM COMMUNITIES HAVE SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH ISLAMIC LEGAL AUTHORITY AND GREATER AUTONOMY BY ALLOWING MUSLIM “RIGHTS”, CUSTOMS AND LAWS TO BE CONSIDERED AND EMPLOYED IN ENGLAND’S COURTS.

THE SAME PROCESS ON A SMALLER AND SLOWER

SCALE IS TAKING PLACE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY WHERE PRO-ISLAMIC ATTORNEYS ARGUE THAT MUSLIM IMMIGRANTS HAVE BROAD “HUMAN RIGHTS” AS WELL AS THOSE GRANTED BY OUR CONSTITUTION. THIS ARGUMENT DERIVES FROM OUR FIRST AMENDMENT’S GUARANTEE OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION TO ALL AND THAT, AS ELEMENTS OF ISLAMIC LIFE SUCH AS CLOTHING, DIET, EDUCATION, LAW, APPEARANCE, LANGUAGE, ETC. ARE RELIGIOUSLY MANDATED, THEY CANNOT BE DENIED. HERE, AS IN EUROPE, ISLAMIC LAW AND CULTURE ARE SEEKING AND INCREMENTALLY GAINING EQUAL, OR NEAR EQUAL, STATUS IN OUR JUDICIAL ARGUMENTS AND PROCESS.

FOR EXAMPLE, AN OK STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROHIBITING THE CONSIDERATION OF ISLAMIC OR INTERNATIONAL LAW IN JUDICIAL DECISIONS WAS PASSED WITH THE APPROVAL OF 70% OF THOSE VOTING. MUSLIM INTERESTS APPEALED, WHEREUPON A FEDERAL JUDGE ISSUED AN INJUNCTION STAYING ENFORCEMENT. OUR CONTEMPORARY DEMOCRACY CAN TAKE CURIOUS FORMS !

“AWARENESS IS ESSENTIAL !”

THIS STRATEGY DOES NOT RECEIVE CLOSE TRACKING BY OUR MSM, BUT WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF ITS EXISTENCE, AND THAT IT IS BEING SPONSORED BY DEDICATED MEMBERS OF OUR GOVERNMENT, JUDICIARY, LEGAL BAR AND MEDIA. AND ALSO HERE, AS IN EUROPE, ANY OPINION VOICED AGAINST ISLAM’S PRESENCE AND ACCEPTANCE IN OUR SOCIETY WILL DRAW IN RETURN AT LEAST THE CHARGE OF RACISM AND, POTENTIALLY, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE. TODAY, THE CHARGE OF RACISM HAS A POWER SECOND TO NONE TO COW OUR POLITICIANS WHO GENERALLY AVOID DEFENDING THEMSELVES AGAINST, OR EVEN DISCUSSING, IT. AND, LACKING ANY FIRM PUSH-BACK, WE WILL FIND OURSELVES IN A DEFAULT POSITION. OTHER THREATS, NOT FUELED BY MSM COVERAGE, ARE LESS NOTICEABLE, BUT ARE THREATS NONETHELESS. AWARENESS IS ESSENTIAL !

## AT THE HEART OF THE MATTERS

BECAUSE EUROPE’S POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES ARE NOTABLY DIFFERENT FROM OURS, IT HAS BEEN SPARED SOME OF THE DIFFICULT IMMIGRATION RELATED PROBLEMS WITH WHICH WE HAVE HAD TO DEAL. OUR UNIQUE 19TH TO 20TH CENTURY CIRCUMSTANCES, COMBINED WITH OUR EARLIEST POLITICAL EXPRESSIONS, LED US TO ESTABLISH ASSIMILATION AS THE DOMINANT GOAL OF OUR IMMIGRATION POLICY.

“ . . . THE CLASH BETWEEN OUR POLICY AND THEIR RELIGION AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS HAS ALREADY BEGUN.”

AS WE CAN SEE IN EUROPE, MANY MUSLIMS TEND TO SETTLE IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY CAN MAINTAIN THEIR CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITY. FOR MUSLIMS, FOR

WHOM MUCH OF THEIR IDENTITY AND DAILY LIFE IS PRESCRIBED BY THEIR RELIGION, THIS IS AS ESSENTIAL AS ASSIMILATION IS TO US. THERE IS VERY LITTLE MIDDLE GROUND AND THE CLASH BETWEEN OUR POLICY AND THEIR RELIGION AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

IT HAS BEEN CLAIMED THAT SOME REMOTE MUSLIM COMMUNITIES HERE ARE ACTUALLY ARMED CAMPS WHERE JIHADIST TRAINING TAKES PLACE IN PREPARATION FOR THE TIME WHEN MUSLIMS IN AMERICA MAY BE CALLED UPON TO RISE UP AND TAKE PART IN AN ARMED ISLAMIC INSURGENCY. WE CANNOT REPORT THIS AS FACT, BUT ONLY AS INFORMATION GLEANED FROM OUR PUBLIC MEDIA. HOWEVER, WHETHER INSURGENCY IS THEIR GOAL OR NOT, REPORTS FROM THOSE WHO LIVE NEAR THESE ENCLAVES REVEAL THAT CONTACT WITH LOCAL SERVICE AND LAW AGENCIES, UTILITIES, MEDIA, EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH DISTRICTS, REPAIR/MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS AND NEIGHBORS ARE DISCOURAGED AND ONLY ALLOWED IN MINIMAL AMOUNTS WHEN NECESSARY. THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THESE ACCOUNTS, EVEN IF THEY ARE ONLY PARTIALLY ACCURATE, AND OUR POLICY OF ASSIMILATION IS UNDENIABLE.

THE LATTER HAS ALSO BEEN COMPROMISED BY OUR STATE DEPARTMENT’S (DOS) SETTLEMENT OF MUSLIM REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN WAYS THAT REINFORCE ISLAMIC SEPARATISM. OFTEN MUSLIM GROUPS FROM AFRICA, THE NE AND/OR SE ASIA ARE PLACED IN U.S. COMMUNITIES WITHOUT WARNING OR THEIR APPROVAL AFTER WHICH THE MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING IS TURNED OVER TO PROFESSIONAL, FOR-PROFIT HUMANITARIAN RELIEF GROUPS. THE LATTER USUALLY OPERATE UNDER SHORT TERM CONTRACTS WITH DOS FOR A FEW YEARS AND THEN RETURN TO THE MORE PROFITABLE ENTRY/SETTLEMENT PHASE OF THEIR OPERATIONS.

WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT, WHEN REFUGEES ARE ADMITTED WITH STATUS BY THE DOS, THEY RECEIVE SERVICES — FOOD STAMPS, HOUSING, MEDICAL CARE, TUTORS AND INTERPRETERS VIA THE US TAXPAYER. THEY ALSO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS (BOTH RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR) WHICH ARE HEAVILY SUPPORTED BY GOVERNMENT GRANTS.

THIS SCENARIO HARBORS MANY CONTRADICTIONS. THE FIRST IS THAT BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT’S RELOCATION GOALS AND THE ABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS, SPACE, PERSONNEL, ETC. NECESSARY TO FULFILL THEM. THERE IS ALSO, WITHIN THE MANY PROBLEMS THAT ARISE FROM THESE RELOCATIONS, THE PRESENCE OF ILL WILL CAUSED BY WASHINGTON’S INTRUSION INTO THE PATTERNS OF LOCAL LIFE FROM WHICH THE RECEIVING COMMUNITIES HAVE LITTLE OR NO RECOURSE. EMOTIONS RUN DEEP OVER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT CAN APPEAR TO CONTRADICT OUR COLONIAL ERA EMPHASIS OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM.

BUT IT IS NOT JUST THE PHYSICAL SEPARATION BETWEEN ISLAMIC GROUPS AND THEIR NEW AMERICAN NEIGHBORS THAT CREATES FRICTION. THERE ARE CHOICES OF DIET, COSTUME, LANGUAGE, PHYSICAL APPEARANCE THAT ARE MADE BY

INDIVIDUALS AND WHICH CAN SEEM RELATIVELY EASY WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE GROUP, BUT CAN REQUIRE SOCIAL FORTITUDE WHEN MOVING TO INDEPENDENCE. THAT MOVE FROM THE OLD GROUP AND WAYS CAN BE PAINFULLY DIFFICULT WHEN IT ENCOUNTERS FEAR, RESENTMENT OR OTHER OPPOSITION FROM THE NEW COMMUNITY.

CULTURALLY, ONE OF THE DEEPEST DIVISIONS BETWEEN ISLAM AND THE WEST IS FOUND IN THEIR TREATMENT OF WOMEN. IN MUSLIM MARRIAGE, EDUCATION, THE WORKPLACE, THE MOSQUE, POLITICS AND THEIR SOCIAL LIVES WOMEN ARE DISTANCED FROM MEN. FOR US IN THE WEST THIS WOULD BE SEEN AS A CULTURAL/ SOCIAL PROBLEM, BUT FOR ISLAM IT IS THAT AND MORE; AS IT CAN TRACE ITS ORIGINS BACK THROUGH CENTURIES OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICE AND BELIEF.

NOTHING EXPRESSES THIS DIFFERENCE AS FORCEFULLY IN OUR 21ST CENTURY WORLD OF CELEBRATION OF SEX AND PUBLICITY AS ISLAM'S MANDATED FEMALE DRESS CODE OF WEARING THE BURKA. COVERING ALL THE BODY FROM HEAD TO TOE AND RELIEVED ONLY BY A NARROW SLIT FOR VISUAL USE, THE BURKA CONCEALS THE FEMININE FORM'S TRADITIONAL EXPRESSION OF BEAUTY AND WARDS OFF MOST CONTACT WITH OTHERS EXCEPT IN THE PRIVACY OF THE HOME. IN THE WEARING OF THE BURKA, THE INDIVIDUAL'S STATUS, APPEARANCE AND IDENTITY ARE SUPPRESSED AND/OR DISGUISED.

A LESS SEVERE, BUT MORE WIDELY WORN, ARTICLE OF BOTH CLOTHING AND FAITH IS THE HIJAB, A HEAD SCARF THAT COVERS THE HEAD, NECK SHOULDERS AND UPPER TORSO AND IS FAVORED BY MOST MUSLIM WOMEN IN THE US AND EUROPE AS A STATEMENT OF MODESTY AND IDENTITY. IT ALSO EMPHASIZES ISLAMIC DISTINCTION AND RESISTANCE TO ASSIMILATION.

INTERESTINGLY, IN A RECENT COLUMN IN WHICH HE CITES IS AS A PRODUCT OF OUR TIME, FRASER NELSON CLAIMS THAT MUSLIM "USE OF THE VEIL IS A RELATIVELY RECENT TREND"<sup>8</sup> WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY PHOTOS OF PALESTINIAN AND AFGHAN WOMEN IN WESTERN GARB FIFTY YEARS AGO. CHANGE CAME WITH THE RISE OF THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD IN EGYPT WHERE THE VEIL BECAME A POLITICAL SYMBOL AND STATEMENT OF PIETY. IN 1983 AN AMERICAN RESEARCH PROJECT REVEALED THAT MANY WOMEN VIEWED THE VEIL AS A FASHION CHOICE AND OFFERED COMMENTS SUCH AS "WE MUSLIM WOMEN DRESS IN A MODEST WAY, NOT LIKE WESTERN WOMEN".<sup>9</sup> IN THE GENERATION SINCE, HOWEVER, MUSLIM RESTRICTIONS ON MANY FEMALE ACTIVITIES AND THOUGHT HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED.

FOR OUR CULTURE, WHICH HAS BEEN SINGULARLY OPEN SINCE OUR COUNTRY'S BIRTH, OPENNESS IS TRADITIONAL AND HAS BECOME A NATIONAL VALUE; AND ONE OF OUR MOST COMMON SOCIAL PRACTICES TODAY, THE HANDSHAKE, BEGAN AS AN EXPRESSION OF IT. IN THE TIME WHEN PERSONAL PROTECTION DEPENDED UPON SWORDS AND/OR FLINTLOCK FIREARMS, GREETINGS TOOK THE FORM OF BOWS AND DISTANCES WERE MAINTAINED, BUT WITH THE APPEARANCE OF THE RAPID FIRE REVOLVER IN THE 19TH CENTURY, AND ESPECIALLY ON OUR REMOTE WESTERN FRONTIER WHERE ALL MEN CARRIED

SIDEARMS, AN INSTANT WAY TO CONVEY OPENNESS WAS NEEDED AND TOOK THE FORM OF OUR RIGHT-HANDED HANDSHAKE. AS MOST MEN WERE RIGHT-HANDED AND WORE THEIR REVOLVERS ON THEIR RIGHT SIDE, THE EXTENSION OF THE RIGHT HAND IN GREETING MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO "DRAW" THE GUN, AND THE CLASPING OF HANDS BECAME A QUICK AND PRACTICAL WAY TO SIGNAL FRIENDLINESS AND/OR THE LACK OF INTENTION TO HARM. THIS ACT OF SIMPLE SECURITY CONCERN HAS "MORPHED" INTO A SOCIAL GREETING IN COMMON USE IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.

IT CAN BE CLAIMED WITH SOME TRUTH THAT OUR COUNTRY'S OPENNESS CAN BE EXCESSIVE TO THE POINT OF BECOMING NON-PRODUCTIVE OR, EVEN, SELF-DEFEATING, AND IT MAY BE THAT THIS IS A MATTER THAT WE WILL ADDRESS BY EITHER LEGISLATIVE OR CULTURAL CHANGE, AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.

BECAUSE CULTURE, LAW AND RELIGION ARE SO FIRMLY JOINED AND CLOSELY CONTROLLED UNDER ISLAM, IT SEEMS THAT CHANGE THERE WILL NOT BE FORTHCOMING IN ANY MEANINGFUL DEGREE. AS WOMEN CONSTITUTE A LITTLE OVER HALF OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION, THEIR ABUSE — ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, PHYSICAL, LEGAL, SEXUAL, POLITICAL, ETC. — BECOMES A CENTRAL ISSUE IN ISLAM'S CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH US AND OTHER NON-ISLAMIC NATIONS.

WERE THIS ISSUE OF WOMEN'S PLACE IN CIVILIZED SOCIETY MERELY A CULTURAL ONE, IT COULD BE RELEGATED TO POLITE ACADEMIC AND DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, BUT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WITH ISLAM WHICH CARRIES THE ADDITIONAL WEIGHT OF BOTH RELIGION AND LAW. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 21ST CENTURY OUR VIEW OF THE FUTURE IS MORE CLOUDED AND DANGEROUS THAN IT EVER HAS BEEN. AND IF WE LOOK CLOSELY AT A MAP, OR THE NUMBERS OR THE FORCES INVOLVED, IT TAKES NO STRETCH OF THOUGHT OR IMAGINATION TO REALIZE THAT THE ACTIONS AND GOALS OF EXPANDING ISLAM COULD POSE A REAL, NOT IMAGINED, EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO OUR CULTURE AND TO WCIV.

OTHER LESSER LIFESTYLE DIFFERENCES SEPARATE OUR CULTURE FROM ISLAM — DIET, FACIAL HAIR, TREATMENT OF ANIMALS AND THE UNIQUE RELIGIOUS REQUIREMENT OF FIVE CALLS TO PRAYER A DAY, SOME OF WHICH OCCUR DURING WORKPLACE HOURS. THESE ARE THE KINDS OF BARRIERS TO ASSIMILATION THAT HAVE FACED OTHER IMMIGRANT GROUPS AND HAVE BEEN OVERCOME IN THEIR PROCESS OF ASSIMILATION — AN UNLIKELY RESULT FOR MUSLIM MIGRANTS.

BY A CIRCUITOUS WAY WE HAVE RETURNED TO ASSIMILATION WHICH TAKES PLACE WHEN ONE OR MORE ELEMENTS ARE ADDED TO ANOTHER LARGER OR STRONGER ONE, ABSORBED BY IT AND, IN TIME, LOSE THEIR ORIGINAL IDENTITY. THE ELEMENTS CAN BE CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL, CULTURAL, POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS; THE KEY IS THAT THE LESSER IN SIZE, OR STRENGTH OR NUMBER MUST BE ABSORBED BY THE DOMINANT ONE.

" WITHOUT A GUEST POPULATION WANTING TO ASSIMILATE, THERE CAN BE NO ASSIMILATION !"

THIS BRINGS US FACE TO FACE, OR EYEBALL TO EYEBALL, WITH THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM POSED BY EXPANDING ISLAM. IN OUR COUNTRY WE HAVE WITNESSED THE RARE CONVERSION OF A GOVERNMENT POLICY INTO AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF OUR CULTURE. AS POLICY, ASSIMILATION WAS SO SUCCESSFUL SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF BOTH HOST AND GUEST POPULATIONS THAT IT TRANSCENDED ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND TURNED HISTORY INTO CULTURE. BUT THIS IS KEY — WITHOUT A GUEST POPULATION WANTING TO ASSIMILATE, THERE CAN BE NO ASSIMILATION !

ACROSS THE DIVIDE THAT SEPARATES US, ISLAM HAS AN EQUALLY STRONG CULTURAL ATTITUDE THAT REJECTS ASSIMILATION AS NOT EVEN A POSSIBILITY, AS THE CONCEPT OF BEING ABSORBED BY AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY TO ANOTHER CULTURE OR GROUP RUNS COUNTER TO ITS HISTORY AND ITS RELIGIOUS TEXTS. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO EVEN IMAGINE ANY MUSLIM LEADER — CIVIL OR RELIGIOUS, MODERATE OR EXTREME — TAKING SUCH A POSITION.

THIS SHOULD BE WHAT IT APPEARS TO BE — A MAJOR IMPASSE THAT NEITHER PARTY HAS THE MEANS TO BRIDGE — BUT THERE ARE ALREADY VOICES IN OUR GOVERNMENT AND THE MC COMMUNITY CALLING FOR THE FURTHER ACCOMMODATION OF MUSLIMS BY EXPANDING OUR CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE TO APPLY TO THEM WHENEVER AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE. WE CAN BE ASSURED THERE IS NO CORRESPONDING BODY OF OPINION AT WORK WITHIN ISLAM.

THERE ARE OTHER DEEP DIVISIONS THAT SEEM TO OFFER LITTLE CHANCE FOR RECONCILIATION. WE HAVE WITNESSED THE DESTRUCTION OF ANTIQUITIES OF OTHER CULTURES IN SYRIA, AFGHANISTAN AND JORDAN ON THE BASIS THAT THE FIGURES ATTACKED MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORSHIPPED AND WERE, THEREFORE, BLASPHEMOUS AND IN DENIAL OF ALLAH AND HIS PROPHET, MUHAMMAD. WE CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT AMOUNT OF DAMAGE COULD BE WREAKED UPON CHRISTIAN, GREEK AND ROMAN SANCTUARIES IN SOUTHERN EUROPE WERE THIS FORM OF RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION TO REACH THERE. A THREAT ? YES, TO ALL PLACES OF WORSHIP THAT SUGGEST REVERENCE FOR NON-MUSLIM PEOPLE OR SYMBOLS.

THIS INABILITY TO ACCEPT, OR EVEN TOLERATE, OTHER FAITHS IS NOT LIMITED TO HISTORICAL ART WORKS. IN APRIL A SMALL BOATLOAD OF MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS LEFT NORTH AFRICA FOR SICILY AND A HOPEFULLY BETTER LIFE IN EUROPE. ALONG THE WAY, A RELIGIOUS ARGUMENT DEVELOPED THAT ENDED IN THE MUSLIMS THROWING THE CHRISTIANS OVERBOARD AND LEAVING THEM TO DROWN.<sup>10</sup> THESE PEOPLE WERE NOT MILITANTS, ONLY TRAVELERS, BROUGHT TOGETHER BY CHANCE AND SEEKING, LIKE ALL MIGRANTS, A BETTER LIFE THAN THEIR HOMELANDS COULD OFFER. SOMEHOW, THIS SIMPLE AND COMMON SITUATION PROVOKED AN ARGUMENT THAT PROVED UNBEARABLE TO THE MUSLIMS AND RESULTED IN THE CHRISTIANS' DEATHS.

AND THERE IS ANOTHER, LARGER TRUTH HERE — THAT ISLAMIC EDUCATION ACCEPTS THIS KIND OF DISPROPORTIONAL VIOLENCE IN RESPONSE TO DIFFERENCES OF OPINION. IN HOW

MANY OTHER CASUAL ACTIVITIES, IN WHICH MUSLIMS AND NON-MUSLIMS ARE THROWN TOGETHER, SHOULD NON-MUSLIMS EXPECT TO BE KILLED FOR OPINIONS THAT DEVIATE FROM THE ISLAMIC CODE ?

THIS TYPE OF EVENT SHOULD BE NOTED AND DISCUSSED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF OUR RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL COMMUNITIES, BUT THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN, AS THOSE IN AUTHORITY WILL TAKE NO ACTION THAT MIGHT OFFEND GROWING MUSLIM POPULATIONS.

## THE ISLAMIC TIME FRAME

IN GAUGING THE ISLAMIC THREAT TO OUR CULTURE AND WCIV, THE ELEMENT OF TIME PLAYS TWO DISTINCT ROLES. THE FIRST IS ITS TRADITIONAL ONE OF PLANNING, CHOOSING, SCHEDULING AND CONDUCTING THE OPERATIONS DETERMINED BY A GROUP'S LEADERS AND GOALS. IT IS A DIMENSION WITHIN WHICH ANTAGONISTS MUST ACCOMPLISH THEIR PURPOSES. IT IS A STRATEGIC FACTOR, BUT NOT AN ACTIVE INSTRUMENT OF WAR, AND IS AVAILABLE TO EVERY CONTESTANT IN EQUAL AMOUNTS. A 24 HOUR DAY IS 24 HOURS FOR BOTH ATTACKER AND ATTACKED.

ISLAM POSSESSES A CULTURAL FACTOR CAPABLE OF CONVERTING TIME TO A WEAPON. IT IS ITS ORDAINED COMMITMENT TO LARGE FAMILIES THAT BY GEOMETRIC PROGRESSION PRODUCE CONSISTENT AND OUTSIZE POPULATION GROWTH.

WHILE CHRISTIANITY AND JUDAISM ARE ORDERED IN THE BIBLE'S OLD TESTAMENT TO "BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY",<sup>11</sup> MANY OF THEIR FOLLOWERS HAVE MODERATED THEIR RESPONSE OVER TIME SO THAT THIS STATEMENT FROM THE EARLIEST BEGINNINGS OF THE DESERT RELIGIONS IS SEEN MORE AS AN OPTION THAN A COMMAND. NOT SO FOR THE ISLAMIC WORLD, WHERE FAMILIES WITH 4 TO 5 CHILDREN ARE CONSIDERED SMALL; 8 TO 12 AS MEDIUM IN SIZE/ AND MORE THAN TWELVE, LARGE.

FOR CENTURIES ISLAM'S HIGH BIRTH RATE WAS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO ITS SEEMINGLY PERMANENT POVERTY, BUT THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CHANGES WROUGHT BY TWO WORLD WARS AND THE AGE OF PETROLEUM HAVE CREATED A MUCH DIFFERENT ISLAM OF BOTH DEEP POVERTY AND ENORMOUS WEALTH.

POPULATION IS A FUNDAMENTAL FORCE IN CULTURE EQUALLY AS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY AS THE HISTORIC CURSES OF WAR AND POVERTY, BUT IT IS ONLY RECENTLY (MALTHUS, NOT WITHSTANDING)<sup>12</sup> THAT OUR GLOBAL CONSCIENCE HAS SURFACED AND LED US TO RECOGNIZE THAT UNLIMITED POPULATION GROWTH AT OUR CURRENT NUMBERS IS NOT SOCIALLY, ECONOMICALLY OR ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE.

ISLAM IS AN AGGRESSIVE FAITH. WHETHER PEACEFULLY OR VIOLENTLY, IT HAS AN AGENDA OF FORCEFUL EXPANSION UNBURDENED BY CONSIDERATIONS SUCH AS CHOICE, NEUTRALITY, ECUMENISM, ETC. AND IT'S A "TWO-FER"; WITH THE RELIGION, YOU GET THE LAW, SHARIA. THIS MAKES ISLAMIC INROADS INTO

OTHER CULTURES DIFFICULT TO RESIST AND, ONCE THE CAMEL'S NOSE IS UNDER THE TENT, ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DISLodge.

IT IS NOW EVIDENT THAT, HAVING GAINED WEALTH, TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA EXPOSURE AND POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IN THE UN, ISLAM CAN PUT THESE TO USE IN ITS EXPANSION PROGRAM. IT CAN THROW ALL THE "ACTION NOW" SWITCHES TO "ON", AND WITH MUCH LESS FANFARE AND PUBLICITY IT CAN SIT BACK AND LET TIME AND THE NUMBERS WORK THEIR MAGIC. A FAMILY WITH TEN CHILDREN TODAY, IF IT MAINTAINS ITS FERTILITY RATE, WILL PRODUCE 100 OFFSPRING IN THE NEXT GENERATION AND 1,000 IN THE ONE THAT FOLLOWS. THIS RATE OF INCREASE OVER A SPAN OF 50 TO 60 YEARS WILL BE NOTABLE AND CAUSE ALARM AS GLOBAL FIGURES ARE REPORTED. TRANSLATE THEIR EFFECTS TO THE LOCAL SCALE AND MOST COMMUNITIES WILL BE TORN APART.

IT IS CLEAR THAT TIME AND NUMBERS WILL BENEFIT ISLAMIC EXPANSION. MUSLIM LEADERS CAN AFFORD TO FIGHT SCATTERED WARS AROUND THE WORLD AND PUSH FOR INCREASED POLITICAL REPRESENTATION HERE, IN EUROPE, THE UN AND ELSEWHERE, BUT PATIENCE IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED FOR ISLAM'S HIGH FERTILITY CULTURE TO SPREAD SLOWLY AND QUIETLY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. FERTILITY IS THE SILENT WEAPON THAT MAY WELL, WITHIN THE SPAN OF A FEW GENERATIONS, ENABLE ISLAM TO ACHIEVE ITS GOAL OF BECOMING OUR PLANET'S DOMINANT RELIGION AND, IF THE EXTREMISTS ARE ABLE TO PREVAIL AND IMPOSE SHARIA, PERHAPS ITS ONLY ONE.

THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE POPULATION "COIN" IS POVERTY BECAUSE THE RELENTLESS PRESSURE OF HIGH FERTILITY AGAINST DIMINISHING NATURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND NUTRITIONAL RESOURCES WILL SHRINK THE AMOUNTS AVAILABLE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL.

WE BELIEVE THAT THERE EXISTS WITHIN ISLAM A SUBSTANTIAL BODY OF MODERATE OPINION AND BEHAVIOR IN FOREIGN RELATIONS, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW ITS NUMBERS NOR ITS INFLUENCE. THE MOST IMPORTANT UNKNOWN, HOWEVER, IS ITS DEGREE OF COMMITMENT TO ITS MODERATE STATUS. WILL THESE MAINSTREAM (?) MUSLIMS RISK THEIR LIVES, PROPERTY AND POSITIONS IN DEFENSE OF MODERATION ? WILL THEY BE SWEEPED UP IN THE MOMENTUM OF EXTREMIST VIOLENCE BOTH BY FELLOW MUSLIMS AND NON-MUSLIMS ? WILL THEY REMAIN SILENT BECAUSE OF FEAR OR BECAUSE THEY WILL INTERPRET WHATEVER GAINS EXTREMISTS MAKE AS ISLAM FULFILLING ITS DIVINE MISSION ? OR WILL ANY OR ALL OF THESE POSSIBILITIES COMBINE IN SUCH WAYS AND TIMES AND AMOUNTS THAT GREATER ISLAM WILL BE CONTROLLED BY ITS IS MINORITY AND WILL REVERT TO ITS PRIOR, HISTORICAL IDENTITY OF "THE FLAMING SWORD" ?

THESE ARE QUESTIONS THAT ONLY ISLAM CAN ANSWER, BUT IN THE DETERMINATION OF WHICH WCIV HAS A VERY LARGE STAKE. THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY CONSIDERATION AT EVERY LEVEL OF OUR POLITICAL AND FOREIGN RELATIONS APPARATUS. AND WE WILL HAVE TO OVERCOME BOTH INERTIA AND OUTRIGHT RESISTANCE TO GET OUR WCIV ALLIES IN EUROPE,

CANADA, LATIN/CENTRAL AMERICA AND ELSEWHERE TO BE COUNTED AND TO DO THEIR SHARE.

## THE ROTHERHAM HORROR

ROTHERHAM IS AN INDUSTRIAL TOWN IN YORKSHIRE, A FEW MILES NORTH OF SHEFFIELD IN PRETTY MUCH THE CENTER OF ENGLAND. IT HAS SEEN BETTER TIMES IN ITS PAST, BUT WILL NEVER SEE ANYTHING WORSE THAN THE PROLONGED MASS SEXUAL, LEGAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE OF 1,400 MOSTLY WHITE, WORKING CLASS YOUNG GIRLS THAT WAS REVEALED THERE LAST SUMMER, BUT HAD COMMENCED IN THE LATE 1990S. STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM FROM THIS BRIEF DESCRIPTION, THERE ARE SEVERAL CULTURAL CONFLICTS AT WORK WHICH DROVE THESE EVENTS TO THEIR HORRIFYING CONCLUSION.

IN BRIEF, THESE GIRLS, SOME AS YOUNG AS NINE, WERE LURED AND TRAFFICKED BY MEMBERS OF ROTHERHAM'S PAKISTANI COMMUNITY; THEY WERE RAPED IN BUS STATIONS, ALLEYWAYS AND AT ARRANGED MEETINGS IN HOMES AND HOTELS, AND SOMETIMES TERRORIZED BY BEING DOUSED WITH GASOLINE. THEIR REPORTS TO LOCAL POLICE WERE MET WITH INDIFFERENCE AND DENIAL INCLUDING LABELING THEIR SEXUAL ABUSE AS CONSENSUAL; AND SOMETIMES, WHEN POLICE HAD TO MAKE A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND REPORT, THE VICTIMS, RATHER THAN THEIR PAKISTANI ATTACKERS, WERE ARRESTED.

SIMILARLY ROTHERHAM'S TOWN COUNCIL TURNED A DEAF EAR AND BLIND EYE TO THE VICTIMS' EFFORTS TO SEEK JUSTICE, BUT EVENTUALLY, THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND A FORMER HEAD OF A NATIONAL VICTIMS' COMMISSION, THE TRUTH EMERGED AND SET THE STAGE FOR THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THIS TALE.

IN MULTIPLE INTERVIEWS OF ROTHERHAM'S CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, THEY ROUTINELY DENIED ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CRIMES OR FOR ERROR IN THEIR SUPERVISORY DUTIES, OFTEN PROFESSING LACK OF KNOWLEDGE AND/OR LAYING BLAME ON THE MEDIA, OTHERS, ETC. BUT FINALLY A COMMON ROOT AND CAUSE OF THEIR BEHAVIOR BECAME CLEAR — INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS A GROUP, THEY WERE UNWILLING TO TAKE ACTION OF ANY KIND, SERIOUS OR MINOR, THAT MIGHT HAVE EXPOSED THEM TO CHARGES OF RACISM AND BE SEEN AS NOT SUFFICIENTLY WELCOMING AND ACCOMMODATING TO ROTHERHAM'S PAKISTANI ELEMENT.

THIS IS MC RUN AMOK IN WHICH ITS POISON IS ABLE TO PARALYZE NOT ONLY INDIVIDUALS IN PUBLIC LIFE, BUT ALSO OUR INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT FROM THE LOWEST TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS.

ROTHERHAM IS AN EGREGIOUS TALE OF VIOLENCE, PAIN AND BETRAYAL INVOLVING MULTIPLE ABUSES OF THE VICTIMS' PERSONAL, COMMUNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT ABUSE, LIKE MANY OTHER THINGS, CAN START SMALL AND GROW LARGE. ABOUT 55 MILES ALMOST DUE SOUTH OF ROTHERHAM IS LEICESTER WHERE THE KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN OUTLET INSTRUCTED ITS STAFF NOT TO HAND OUT ALCOHOL WIPES BECAUSE THEY

MIGHT OFFEND ISLAMIC CUSTOMERS OR VIOLATE MUSLIM LAW. BY AND LARGE, THIS WAS A TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT WHICH QUICKLY DISAPPEARED WHEN A PROMINENT ISLAMIC SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT MUSLIMS DO NOT OBJECT TO ALCOHOL USED FOR MEDICINE, HYGIENE OR FRAGRANCE, BUT ONLY WHEN IT IS IMBIBED.

STILL IN ENGLAND, IN JANUARY OF LAST YEAR, MR. BELWANT BAINES, PRINCIPAL OF THE MOSTLY MUSLIM SALTLEY SCHOOL AND SPECIALIST SCIENCE COLLEGE, RESIGNED “IN THE FACE OF RELENTLESS CRITICISM FROM THE MUSLIM-DOMINATED SCHOOL BOARD (WHICH) HAD PRESSED HIM, UNSUCCESSFULLY, TO REPLACE SOME COURSES WITH ISLAMIC AND ARABIC STUDIES, (TO) SEGREGATE BOYS AND GIRLS AND (TO) DROP A CITIZENSHIP CLASS ON TOLERANCE AND DEMOCRACY IN BRITAIN.”<sup>13</sup>

MR. BAINES IS A SIKH AND SECOND-GENERATION BRITISH CITIZEN WHOSE ACTION TOOK PLACE AGAINST THE LARGER BACKDROP OF AN EXTENSIVE GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION OF 46 SCHOOLS INTO WHAT SOME SOURCES CLAIMED WAS AN ACTIVE EFFORT TO ISLAMICIZE THEIR CURRICULA AND MANAGEMENT. BAINES, WHOSE FATHER WALKED 30 MILES TO AND FROM SCHOOL EVERY DAY TO TEACH STUDENTS IN INDIA’S PUNJAB STATE, EDUCATED HIMSELF OUT OF URBAN ENGLISH POVERTY AND HOPED TO “EDUCATE HIS CHILDREN TO LIVE AND FUNCTION IN A MULTICULTURAL BRITAIN, TO BE APPRECIATIVE OF THE VIEWS OF OTHER PEOPLE, BUT ALSO TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES”.<sup>14</sup>

THIS KIND OF PRESSURE AGAINST OUR WCIV CULTURE IS RELATIVELY NEW. IT IS QUIET AND NON-VIOLENT AND OPERATES MOSTLY IN THE SHADOWS OF OUR MSM LEAD STORIES. BUT IT IS REAL AND GROWING, AND IS ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT TO DETECT AND ELIMINATE IN EXCLUSIVELY MUSLIM ENCLAVES WHERE INQUIRIES ARE SEEN AS VIOLATIONS OF “RELIGIOUS RIGHTS”.

AND FINALLY, IN LINCOLNSHIRE THE MIDDLE RASEN PRIMARY SCHOOL WAS PENALIZED BY OFSTED, ENGLAND’S EDUCATIONAL WATCHDOG AGENCY, “FOR NOT HAVING ENOUGH BLACK OR ASIAN STUDENTS” LEADING TO “CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT LIMITED BY A LACK OF FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE OF THE DIVERSE MAKE UP OF MODERN BRITISH SOCIETY.” THE SCHOOL HAS 104 PUPILS AGED 4 TO 11 IN AN AREA WITH RELATIVELY FEW ETHNIC MINORITIES.<sup>15</sup>

THESE EXAMPLES OF CULTURAL ENCROACHMENT — CRIMINAL, COMMERCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL — IN ENGLAND SHOULD BE CLEAR WARNINGS TO US. THERE, PEOPLE WITH KNOWLEDGE AND/OR AUTHORITY WOULD NOT OR COULD NOT TAKE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF THEIR OWN CULTURE. CHALLENGING THE WAYS OF GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY, WHETHER NATIONAL OR LOCAL, IS NOT LIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL ESPECIALLY WHERE IMMIGRATION, SOCIAL OR ETHNIC POLICIES ARE INVOLVED. MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT SIZE AND POWER, IT SEEMS, IS OVERWHELMING.

THERE ARE TWO VERY REAL LESSONS THAT WE CAN TAKE FROM THE WAYS THESE EVENTS THREATEN HOME CULTURE. THE FIRST IS THAT ISLAM’S RESISTANCE TO ASSIMILATION WILL ESTABLISH AREAS OF OUR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIVES THAT WILL

COME UNDER ISLAMIC CONTROL. THIS WILL MUTE THE VOX POPULI AND SERIOUSLY ERODE OUR DEMOCRACY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

THE SECOND IS EVEN MORE FRIGHTENING. IT IS THE ATTITUDE THAT OTHER CULTURES ARE MORE RELEVANT AND MEANINGFUL IN OUR PRESENT TIME THAN WCIV. THIS IS USUALLY EXPRESSED INDIRECTLY, NOT BY STATING THAT OTHER CULTURES ARE BETTER, BUT THAT WCIV, AND WE, ARE FAILING HISTORY’S OR RELIGION’S TESTS. THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THIS THEORY, AND ONE OF THE TENETS OF MC, IS THAT THE HOST CULTURE, OR COUNTRY, MUST CONFORM TO THAT OF THE STRANGER WHICH IT HAS ADMITTED.

ISLAM, LIKE MC, REQUIRES THIS. IT IS A GROWING THREAT IN EUROPE AND HAS COMMENCED HERE; AND FOR US TO DENY OR IGNORE IT IS NOTHING OTHER THAN IDLE, WISHFUL THINKING.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE, LARGELY BECAUSE OF THEIR COLONIAL PASTS, HAVE HAD LONGER AND GREATER EXPOSURE TO ISLAM’S IMPACT ON THEIR CULTURES. IN ENGLAND, ITS FORMER COLONIALISM NOTWITHSTANDING, THE PROBLEMS OF ISLAMIC IMMIGRATION WERE MADE WORSE BY THE BLAIR LABOUR GOVERNMENT AND BY A LEFTIST TILT ON SOCIAL ISSUES BY THE JUDICIARY. AGAIN, AS IN THE 1930s, WE SHOULD PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN EUROPE. BUT WE WON’T.

## MULTICULTURALISM

HERE, AS IN ENGLAND, WE ARE CONFRONTED BY, AND MUST REJECT, MC. IT IS EVIL DISGUISED AS GOOD — THE CLOVEN HOOF BRIEFLY GLIMPSED BENEATH THE MONK’S ROBE AT THE COSTUME BALL. IT BULLIES THOSE WHO RESIST IT WITH CHARGES OF RACISM, AND TOO MANY OF OUR POLITICAL CLASS ARE SUBDUED BY OR BEHOLDEN TO IT. IT DESCRIBES ITSELF IN LOFTY LANGUAGE, BUT IT IS, THE ARCH-ENEMY OF ASSIMILATION AND WILL DIVIDE AMERICA INTO MORE AND SMALLER PIECES UNTIL OUR NATION VANISHES. THIS IS BOTH ITS METHOD AND ITS GOAL.

## CULTURAL POLITICS VS. POLITICAL CULTURE

THE CONFLICT IN THIS TITLE HAS BECOME MORE WIDESPREAD AND INTENSE IN OUR RECENT PERIOD OF ISLAMIC EXPANSION. IT IS ONGOING AND REVEALS ITSELF THROUGH A VARIETY OF INCONCLUSIVE ATTITUDES AND EVENTS. OCCASIONALLY, HOWEVER, NEW INFORMATION, OR A NEW READING OF THE OLD, PROVIDES A NEEDED PERSPECTIVE. A RECENT LETTER FROM AN MOC SUBSCRIBER IN HOUSTON REFERRED US TO MATERIAL IN A BOOK BY DR. PETER HAMMOND,<sup>16</sup> SLAVERY, TERRORISM AND ISLAM: THE HISTORICAL ROOTS AND CONTEMPORARY THREAT. WE HAVE NOT READ THE WHOLE BOOK, ONLY EXCERPTS FROM IT WHICH ASSIGN NEW IMPORTANCE TO THE EUROPEAN MUSLIM POPULATION PERCENTAGE FIGURES WE CITED EARLIER. HAMMOND’S BOOK IS AN IMPORTANT DEVICE FOR MEASURING THE GROWTH AND

CONSEQUENCES OF ISLAMIC POPULATION WHEN IT IS GRAFTED ONTO NON-ISLAMIC HOST CULTURES. NOT SURPRISINGLY, HE CITES THE PROCESS OF ISLAMIZATION AS BEGINNING “WHEN THERE ARE SUFFICIENT MUSLIMS IN A COUNTRY TO AGITATE FOR THEIR RELIGIOUS PRIVILEGES.”<sup>17</sup> FROM THIS STARTING POINT UNTIL THE MUSLIM POPULATION REACHES ABOUT 2% IT WILL GENERALLY BE VIEWED “AS A PEACE-LOVING MINORITY AND NOT AS A THREAT TO OTHER CITIZENS.”<sup>18</sup> LISTED BELOW ARE SOME SAMPLE PERCENTAGES OF ISLAMIC PENETRATION AND THE FORMS OF ACTIVISM THAT TYPICALLY ACCOMPANY THEM:

5% TO 10% - PUSH FOR INTRODUCTION OF ISLAMIC FOOD PREPARATION/MARKETING PRACTICES; AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF SHARIA LAW IN MUSLIM ENCLAVES.

10% TO 15% - INCREASING NUMBER AND VIOLENCE OF DEMONSTRATIONS/PROTESTS.

20% TO 40% - RIOTINGS, KILLINGS, AND ATTACKS ON CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES, AND MORE.

THESE EXAMPLES AND OTHERS TIE DIFFERENT STAGES OF MUSLIM ACTIVISM TO SPECIFIC POPULATION PERCENTAGES AND DR. HAMMOND ALSO OFFERS A CATALOGUE OF MUSLIM BELIEFS THAT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY GENUINE PEACEFUL/EQUAL COEXISTENCE WITH OUR WESTERN RELIGIONS AND CULTURE.

SLAVERY . . . , EVEN BY OUR LIMITED EXPOSURE TO IT, COMES OFF AS A POWERFUL BOOK CAPABLE OF DISTURBING AND TERRIFYING ITS READERS. NO ANALYSIS OF PRESENT OR FUTURE RELIGIOUS BEHAVIOR IS EVER COMPLETELY ACCURATE, AND DR. HAMMOND IS PROBABLY NO EXCEPTION TO THIS STATEMENT, BUT, EVEN IF HE WERE ONLY 50% CORRECT IN HIS JUDGMENTS, THOSE WOULD BE REAL CAUSE FOR CONCERN IN WCIV. AND, IN VIEW OF THIS BOOK’S CONTENT, THE STATE OF MUSLIM INFILTRATION OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR POPULATION IS OF GENUINE CONCERN. MOREOVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT OUR HISTORICAL PRACTICE OF ASSIMILATION CANNOT SUCCEED WITH ISLAM AS IT HAS IN THE PAST WITH OTHERS.

## PITFALLS AND PROSPECTS AHEAD

“ . . . IN ISLAM WE MAY FACE A FORCE CAPABLE OF DETERMINING OUR CIVILIZATION’S DESTINY.”

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO THERE WERE 100,000 MUSLIMS IN THE US; TODAY THERE ARE 7 MILLION AND 2,000 MOSQUES. BY ANY MEASURE, THESE NUMBERS REVEAL A TREND WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR NATION, CULTURE AND IDENTITY WHICH CONGRESS CHOOSES TO IGNORE. THEY ALSO SUGGEST THAT IN ISLAM WE MAY FACE A FORCE CAPABLE OF DETERMINING OUR CIVILIZATION’S DESTINY.

DEVELOPING A PROCESS TO PROTECT WCIV FROM A POTENTIAL ALL-ENCOMPASSING ISLAMIC EXPANSION IS ONE OF DAUNTING POLITICAL COMPLEXITY. ITS THREAT MUST BE IDENTIFIED, BUT NOT EXAGGERATED, AND IN ITS EARLIEST, AND MOST VULNERABLE, STAGES IT WILL GIVE RISE TO STRONG OPPOSITION FROM PARTS OF OUR POLITICAL SPECTRUM THAT WILL CALL INTO QUESTION WHETHER THE PROBLEM EVEN EXISTS. CERTAINLY, THERE IS PRESENTLY NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT COULD, OR SHOULD, PLAY A ROLE. INSTEAD AN INFORMAL GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED THINKERS COULD BE FORMED TO EXPLORE AND COMMENT ON THE SUBJECT. ASSEMBLING SUCH A BODY SHOULD NOT BE AN EXERCISE IN POLITICAL CORRECTNESS OR EVEN PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION FOR ISLAM.

IT SHOULD CHOOSE A MODERATE NAME WITH HISTORICAL/CIVILIZATIONAL CONNOTATIONS THAT EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF WCIV RATHER THAN ATTACKING ISLAM — NO “WAR ON DRUGS OR TERRORISM” STUFF. AND, ONCE HAVING ESTABLISHED ITS VOICE HERE, IT SHOULD ACT AS THE PRINCIPAL IN FORMING A SIBLING GROUP IN EUROPE.

MINDFUL OF ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE TO GAIN SUFFICIENT TRACTION AND MOMENTUM TO FUNCTION AS A CENTER OF GROWING PUBLIC OPINION, IT COULD THEN UNDERTAKE THE NEXT CHALLENGE OF DIRECTING THAT OPINION TOWARDS POLITICAL GOALS VIA OUR GOVERNMENT, THE EU, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA. LATIN AMERICA, BECAUSE OF ITS LOWER LEVEL OF ISLAMIC PENETRATION AND STRONG RCC ENTRENCHMENT, IS AN AREA OF LESS PRIORITY NOW, BUT MUSLIM TIMETABLES AND TARGETS CAN QUICKLY CHANGE WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE.

JUST LOOKING AT THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN PROJECTING LONG RANGE PROBLEMS AND INDEPENDENT THOUGHT TO NATIONAL OR MULTI-NATIONAL SCALES SUGGESTS THAT ORGANIZING AND OPERATING A CIVILIZATIONAL EFFORT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE. AND YET, IF VIOLENT EXPANSION IS HARBORED, PRACTICED AND ACCEPTED BY ELEMENTS WITHIN GREATER ISLAM, THEN WHAT CHOICE DOES THE WEST HAVE? THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION MAY SEEM EASY; WHAT WILL NOT BE EASY IS FINDING WAYS AND PEOPLE CAPABLE OF RESPONDING CIVILIZATIONALLY WITHOUT THEIR TRADITIONAL NATIONAL, POLITICAL BAGGAGE.

THERE IS A WAY AHEAD WHICH CAN PRESERVE WCIV AND BY PURSUIT OF IT WE CAN BE ASSURED OF OPPOSITION FROM THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS CONSTITUENCIES FOR WHOM SUCCESS IS MEASURED IN DOLLARS, VOTES AND MEMBERSHIPS. CIVILIZATIONAL THOUGHT AND PRESERVATION ARE MORE IMPORTANT TO LIFE ON OUR PLANET THAN THEIR THEORIES, ARGUMENTS AND BELIEFS AND THE WARS THEY HAVE CAUSED. AS A SUPERPOWER, WE WILL HAVE TO ENGAGE IN LESS RHETORIC AND SUBJECT OURSELVES TO THE DISCIPLINE OF REALITY IN DEFENDING OUR CIVILIZATION FROM ITS ENEMIES.

WHAT MIGHT WORK BEST IS A GROUP WHOSE CAREERS/ PROFESSIONS ARE INVOLVED WITH THE HISTORY, CULTURE AND VALUES OF WCIV- FOR EXAMPLE; HISTORIANS, CLASSICS SCHOLARS, INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS WITH EXPERIENCE IN SHARIA AND THE NE, OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL SCHOLARS, ETHICISTS,

HEADS OF CULTURALLY ORIENTED CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS, POPULATION/ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITIES AND OTHERS. IN THE BEGINNING, A FEW GOOD PEOPLE WILL ATTRACT OTHERS SO THAT BY THE TIME A NAME HAS BEEN CHOSEN, INITIAL SPONSORS HAVE COMMITTED AND A PURPOSE STATEMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED MOMENTUM WILL BEGIN TO BUILD AND ATTRACT WIDER SUPPORT.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO MEASURE SUCCESS AND, IN THE REALM OF PUBLIC OPINION ESPECIALLY, GROWING OPPOSITION IS ONE OF THE SUREST. WE CAN COUNT ON THE LATTER FROM PRO-ISLAMIC GROUPS OF EVERY KIND AS THEY COME TO SEE THAT AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO PROMOTE AND DEFEND WCIV MIGHT FRUSTRATE PLANS FOR ISLAMIC EXPANSION.

AS SOON AS PRACTICALLY POSSIBLE, BASED ON SUCCESS HERE, EFFORTS SHOULD BE COMMENCED TO FORM AND ESTABLISH THE SIBLING GROUP IN EUROPE. THERE, BECAUSE OF THE HISTORY OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH ISLAMIC POPULATIONS, SOME DEGREE OF POLITICAL COOPERATION MAY BECOME AVAILABLE. THIS IS MORE LIKELY TO COME FROM POLITICAL SOURCES IN INDIVIDUAL NATIONS THAN FROM THE EU ITSELF, ALTHOUGH IT'S POSSIBLE THAT OVER TIME BRUSSELS MAY COME TO RECOGNIZE ISLAM AS A THREAT TO ITS OWN POWER AND EXISTENCE.

ONE VERY INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT QUESTION THAT WILL ARISE IN THE COURSE OF ESTABLISHING A EUROPEAN ENTITY IS THAT OF RUSSIA WHICH IN THE PAST HAS FOUGHT OFF SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BY ISLAM TO EXPAND NORTHWARD. WILL RUSSIA'S RESPONSE TO A NEW EFFORT BE TO LOOK TO THE WEST AND JOIN EUROPE ? OR WILL IT ALLOW FURTHER MUSLIM AGITATION AND, PERHAPS, REBELLION IN ITS SOUTHERN AND EASTERN PROVINCES ? THE REAPPEARANCE OF A MUSLIM CALIPHATE ON ITS BORDERS IS A MOSTLY NEGATIVE POSSIBILITY FOR THIS SUPERPOWER WITH ONE FOOT IN EUROPE AND THE OTHER IN ASIA.

WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT A GROUP OR ORGANIZATION FORMED TO PROTECT WCIV COULD GAIN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND TRACTION NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE INSTITUTIONAL STATUS AND SUPPORT HERE AND IN EUROPE. IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ANTI-MUSLIM, BUT SHOULD BE STRONGLY PRO-WCIV. THIS WILL MEAN HAVING OPEN DISCUSSIONS OF SENSITIVE RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL DIFFERENCES AND CALLING UPON ISLAM TO JOIN IN.

IN LOOKING BACK AT ITS PAST, IT SHOULD ADMIT ERROR AND CELEBRATE SUCCESS, AND IT SHOULD STATE CLEARLY THAT WCIV WILL BE DEFENDED BY WHATEVER UNIFIED POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIRECTIONS ARE CALLED FOR.

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WHETHER PRACTICAL OR DESIRABLE, OR NEITHER, IT IS PROBABLY NECESSARY TO GIVE ANY SIGNIFICANT GLOBAL ISSUE EXPOSURE TO THE UN. THIS ORGANIZATION, DESPITE A HISTORY OF EXTENSIVE MISMANAGEMENT IN MANY OF ITS OUTREACH PROGRAMS, IS A RECOGNIZED VOICE FOR INFLUENCING GLOBAL OPINION AND UNDERTAKING HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE THIRD WORLD.

A PROJECT TO DEFEND WCIV WOULD DIFFER IN SIGNIFICANT WAYS FROM OTHER PUBLIC SUPPORT INITIATIVES. IT'S PRIMARY FUNCTION WILL BE TO INFORM PUBLIC OPINION AND CREATE AWARENESS OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE A GROWING THREAT. IT WILL NOT BE CALLED UPON TO DELIVER RESULTS IN THE USUAL POLITICAL TERMS OF ACQUIRED VOTES, MONEY OR TERRITORY. ITS ONLY TRUE GAUGE OF SUCCESS WILL BE WHETHER OTHERS ARE MOVED TO TAKE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ACTION.

IT IS ALMOST CERTAINLY TRUE TODAY THAT IN OUR WESTERN WORLD MANY MORE PEOPLE VIEW ISLAMIC EXPANSION AS A POSSIBLE EXISTENTIAL THREAT THAN THOSE WHO ARE PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION TO RESIST IT. AWARENESS IS THE TOOL AVAILABLE TO ALL THAT WILL CLOSE THAT GAP. IT WILL ACTIVATE THOSE ON THE LEADING EDGE OF THIS ISSUE AND CREATE/INCREASE AWARENESS FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW.

OUR PLANET HAS WITNESSED THE RISE AND FALL OF MANY HUMAN CULTURES, RELIGIONS AND CIVILIZATIONS; AND SPECIES, TOO. UNTIL ONLY RECENTLY THESE EVENTS, WERE KNOWN AND EXPERIENCED AS ISOLATED EVENTS, WHEREAS OUR PRESENT LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY ENABLES US TO UNDERSTAND THEM AS CAUSED AND CONNECTED BY A COMPLEX ARRAY OF NATURAL FORCES, FOOD CHAINS, ESSENTIAL RESOURCES AND OTHER SHARED ELEMENTS OF OUR ENVIRONMENT NECESSARY FOR OUR SURVIVAL.

OUR WAY OF THINKING ABOUT OUR PLANET AND OURSELVES HAS BEEN DRAMATICALLY CHANGED BY OUR TECHNOLOGY, AND YET WE ARE STILL STRUGGLING IN ITS GRIP TO COMPREHEND BOTH WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST AND WHAT IS POSSIBLE AHEAD. OUR FUTURE EFFORTS ARE HINDERED BY TWO VERY BASIC LIMITATIONS — THE EVER WIDER TECHNOLOGICAL METHODS AND HORIZONS BEING REVEALED TO US, AND OUR INABILITY AND/OR RELUCTANCE TO ELEVATE OUR VIEW OF SOCIETAL PROBLEMS FROM OUR PRESENT TRIBAL/NATIONAL LEVEL TO ONE AT WHICH WE CAN THINK AND ACT ON A LARGER, CIVILIZATIONAL, OR PLANETARY, SCALE. THIS ACT OF TRANSCENDENCE, IF IT IS TO SUCCEED, WILL DEMAND AN EXTRAORDINARY GLOBAL EFFORT WHICH IS NOT POSSIBLE GIVEN OUR CURRENT AWARENESS. THERE IS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE IF WE ARE NOT TO "PASS AND BE FORGOTTEN WITH THE REST".<sup>19</sup>

## EPILOGUE

THERE IS A DISTURBING UNDERCURRENT THAT RUNS THROUGH OUR GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE MAJOR ISSUES OF OUR TIME. ISLAM, AS RELIGION AND CULTURE, IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THEM. ALSO WE CAN CITE UNCONTROLLED IMMIGRATION, CONSUMERISM AND POPULATION; CLIMATE CHANGE AND DIMINISHING NATURAL RESOURCES; SPECIES LOSS AND ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE; AND OUR FAILING EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS. SADLY, TOO MANY OF OUR PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT BELIEVE THAT OUR RESCUE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MORE OF THE SAME — I.E., GROWTH WILL CURE ALL. BUT IT WON'T.

WE HAVE A LARGER GOVERNMENT THAN EVER BEFORE IN OUR HISTORY. TO MAKE IT RUN EFFICIENTLY REQUIRES MORE, NOT LESS, CARE AND ATTENTION FROM OUR POLITICIANS, BUT THEIR ENERGIES ARE LARGELY DIRECTED TO MATTERS OF PARTY POLITICS, PERSONAL COMPENSATION AND SERVING THOSE INTERESTS REPRESENTED BY WASHINGTON'S EXTENSIVE LOBBYIST NETWORK.

“ THINGS WILL WORK OUT; THEY ALWAYS DO — ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.”

IT SEEMS THAT MAKING OUR GOVERNMENT WORK, AND WORK AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FOR ALL AMERICANS AS INTENDED BY OUR CONSTITUTION, IS JUST TOO MUCH TROUBLE FOR THOSE WE HAVE ELECTED. AFTER ALL, WHY BOTHER? CONGRESS HAS BECOME A VERY LUCRATIVE CAREER. THINGS WILL WORK OUT; THEY ALWAYS DO — ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. PAUL REVERE, WHERE ARE YOU WHEN WE NEED YOU ?

IN THE COURSE OF AMERICA'S CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION THAT HAS OCCURRED SINCE WWII WE HAVE MANAGED TO LOSE MUCH OF OUR SENSE OF IDENTITY AND THE UNITY THAT IT PROVIDED. WE HAVE BECOME A HIVE OF INDIVIDUALS COMPETING FOR WHAT WE VIEW AS THE REWARDS TO BE GAINED FROM MONEY, CELEBRITY, CONSUMERISM, INVIOLEABLE RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL BELIEFS, GOVERNMENT, OUR ENVIRONMENT, SPORTS, THE EXCESSIVE OR MISTAKEN USE OF POWER AND, OF COURSE, NEVER ENDING GROWTH EXPRESSED STATISTICALLY BY NUMBERS, CHARTS AND GRAPHS AS A DIVINE DESTINY.

BUT HIVES ARE THE SPECIAL PROVINCES OF INSECTS LIKE BEES AND ANTS WHO CAN BETTER CHANNEL THEIR BEHAVIOR AND MANAGE THEIR RESOURCES BY COMBINING RATHER THAN COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER; AND BY MAINTAINING THROUGHOUT ALL THEIR INDIVIDUAL TASKS THE SANCTITY OF SHARED PURPOSE AND SURVIVAL.

### 3 DIMENSIONAL CHESS - REDUX

IN OUR PREVIOUS ISSUE WE LIKENED THE NE POLITICAL SITUATION TO “3 DIMENSIONAL CHESS PLAYED ON SPINNING BOARDS WITH EXPLOSIVE PIECES”. NORMAL CHESS IS PLAYED ON A FLAT BOARD OF TWO DIMENSIONS. THE ADDITION OF A THIRD IS A POWERFUL MULTIPLIER OF OPTIONS, RISKS AND CONSEQUENCES.

AND SO IT IS ALSO IN THE NE'S CONTINUING WARFARE WHERE THE SURFACE DIMENSIONS ARE MILITARY AND POLITICAL, AND WHERE IT IS GENERALLY CONCEDED THAT A POLITICAL SOLUTION IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT FIRST ESTABLISHING BY MILITARY MEANS THE PEACE NEEDED FOR IT TO BE DISCUSSED AND PURSUED. IN THIS TWO DIMENSIONAL PROCESS, CIRCUMSTANCE DICTATES THAT THE US MUST PLAY A DOMINANT ROLE IN ITS MILITARY PHASE AND AN ESSENTIAL ONE IN TRANSFORMING ITS MILITARY OUTCOME INTO A HOPEFULLY WORKABLE, POLITICAL

SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES.

BUT THEN, THERE IS THE THIRD DIMENSION. IN GEOMETRY IT CONVERTS A SQUARE INTO A CUBE AND ANY OTHER AREA INTO VOLUME. SIMILARLY, IN THE NE THIS MASSIVE MULTIPLIER IS RELIGION WHICH UNDERLIES AND PRESSURES ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, AND PRESENTS AN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE CONUNDRUM — THAT, WHEREAS THE US PRESENCE IS A MILITARY AND POLITICAL REQUISITE, IT IS ALSO A RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL IRRITANT. NO MATTER HOW MUCH OUR “GREAT POWER” STATUS PROVIDES US WITH CREDENTIALS TO PARTICIPATE, WE ARE RELIGIOUSLY AND CULTURALLY “THE OTHER”, NOT PART OF ISLAM'S PAST AND ONLY MOMENTARY TRAVELERS IN THE PRESENT WHOSE DEPARTURE, MANY MUSLIMS BELIEVE, IS IMMINENT. IN THE WORLD OF CONTEMPORARY ISLAM, OUR CULTURE'S “OTHERNESS” SERVES AS A CONSTANT COUNTERWEIGHT TO OUR MILITARY AND POLITICAL EFFECTIVENESS.

## LOOKING AROUND CORNERS

### THE TRUMP CANDIDACY

DONALD TRUMP'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ENTRY AS A GOP CANDIDATE RAISES A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. FIRST, IS HE SERIOUS ENOUGH TO “GIVE IT A GO” ? OR WILL HE GET BORED AND WITHDRAW AFTER THE INITIAL PUBLICITY GLOW FADES, AS HE HAS DONE BEFORE ? THERE ARE ASPECTS OF THE PRESENT RACE THAT SUGGEST HE MAY CHOOSE THE FORMER.

FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN HIS INDIVIDUAL STATUS IS THE EFFECT THAT HIS MESSAGE AND PERSONALITY COULD HAVE ON THE RESPONSES AND POSITIONS OF HIS FELLOW CANDIDATES SEEKING THE NOMINATION. WHATEVER ONE MAY THINK OF TRUMP'S POLITICS, HIS COMMENTS ARE FORCEFUL, PLAIN AND CLEAR AND MAY WELL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE OTHERS IN THE RACE TO “DODGE AND WEAVE” AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. TRUMP CAN APPLY A KIND OF “BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA” NOT FOUND ELSEWHERE. IT MAY MISS ITS MARK, OR EVEN BACKFIRE, BUT IT IS ALWAYS ON HAND AND READY TO BE USED. IF SO, THE TEDIIOUS FORMAT OF FOUR YEARS AGO WOULD HAVE TO BE SCRAPPED !

### THE KATHRYN STEINLE MURDER

THE KILLING OF 32-YEAR-OLD KATHRYN STEINLE IN BROAD DAYLIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO BY A FIVE TIMES DEPORTED MEXICAN WITH SEVEN FELONY CONVICTIONS, FRANCISCO SANCHEZ, WILL DRAMATICALLY IMPACT OUR NATIONAL IMMIGRATION ARGUMENT. FIRST, THIS CRIME WILL BE REPORTED NATIONALLY WITH THE NAMES AND IMAGES OF BOTH KILLER AND VICTIM, DESPITE THE MSM'S RELUCTANCE TO REGISTER ANYTHING BUT APPROVAL OF “OPEN BORDERS” POLICIES AND METHODS.

NEXT, AND MORE IMPORTANT, WILL BE THE VIEW OF HOW OUR “SANCTUARY” POLICIES, OFTEN FAVORED BY CHRISTIAN AND OTHER RELIGIOUS GROUPS, ARE ADMINISTERED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AND HOW THEY CONTRADICT AND UNDERMINE OUR FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW. WE WILL BE TREATED TO WIDE BUCK-PASSING AND DENIAL OF JURISDICTION AND RESPONSIBILITY BY POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES, BUT IN THIS CASE THERE WILL BE NO HIDING PLACE. WHAT WILL EVENTUALLY EMERGE WILL BE A TEXTBOOK CASE OF HOW SPECIAL CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS INTERESTS, IGNORE OUR FEDERAL LAW FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT.

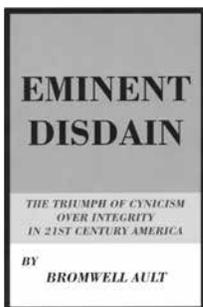
WE SHOULD LOOK FOR A WELCOME CHANGE IN THE WAY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ADDRESS THE IMMIGRATION ISSUE. KATHRYN STEINLE’S RANDOM DEATH, WHILE NOT AN ACT OF RESISTANCE, MAY ATTACH A FORCEFUL IMAGE TO OUR 21ST CENTURY IMMIGRATION ISSUE.



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