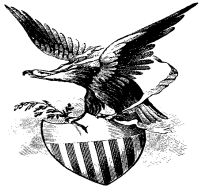


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The Third Jihad

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It is an enemy that is driven by a fervent, unquestioning religious zeal that is inspired by certain verses in the Muslim's most holy books, the Koran and the Hadith.

A devout Muslim fundamentalist believes that giving his life in an attack that kills great numbers of American civilians will be greatly rewarded by Allah.

It is an enemy inspired by the historical accounts of its greatest leaders who led Jihads or holy wars that conquered nations, peoples and land from the Atlantic coast of Africa to the Islands of Indonesia in the Pacific.

It is an enemy who believes that all non-Muslims live in the Dar al Harb, which means the "House of War." He believes that Muslims alone live in Dar al Islam, "the House of Peace." Mohammad divided the world into these two groups and taught that all infidels had to be brought under Islam.

This enemy believes that forcing the unbelievers into submission to Allah, either by conversion to Islam or by forcing him into submission to pay the jizrah tax and live as a second-class citizen under Muslim rule is the only way that world peace will be achieved.

He believes that it is his solemn duty to Allah to bring all religions into submission (which is the meaning of the word Islam) to the Muslim faith. Therefore, Jihads must

continue until this is achieved. He believes that a true peace-loving Muslim must fight to bring all into submission to Allah so that true "peace" can be achieved. He believes there can be no peace either corporately or individually without this universal submission to Allah and his laws.

As the new leader of Fundamental Islam, Usama bin Laden, said, "In essence, this war is a religious war."

We must learn that though all Muslims are not terrorists, all terrorists who pose a threat to us are Muslim. So profiling among them is absolutely necessary if we are to survive at all. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out how and where to find a Muslim terrorist.

Most Muslims in the US do not want to be part of a jihad. They choose to ignore the Koranic verses that call for violence and conquest and cling to the verses that call for tolerance and patience.

The verses of tolerance and patience were received early in Mohammad's ministry while he was in Mecca. He had no large following at this time and was often threatened and persecuted.

Allah later revealed to Mohammad in Medina verses that called for violence and conquest against the non-believing infidels. It was not coincidental that Allah's will changed with Mohammad's acquisition of great numbers of militant followers. It is the "Medina verses" that inspire the so-called-radical Muslims to launch violent jihads against the infidels in order to

convert them, force them into submissive tax-paying servants or to kill them.

Militant Muslim leaders are calling this era the time of the Third great Jihad.

The First Jihad started with Mohammad and the first four leaders who followed him known as the Caliphs. Under their leadership, Islam spread farther and faster than any religion in history.

During this time, Islam very nearly conquered Western Civilization in Europe. Charles Martel of France finally defeated the Muslim Saracen armies that came up from occupied Spain at the battle of Tours. This took place in AD 732 and effectively ended the first jihad.

The Ottoman Turks launched the Second Jihad in the 16th Century. They expanded Muslim borders to their greatest extent. They very nearly conquered Europe and took over western civilization until they were defeated at the gates of Vienna in AD 1683. Ottoman power began to wane after the Vienna defeat. The second jihad was ended with the crushing of what was left of the Ottoman Empire during World War 1.

Militant Muslims believe that the *Third Jihad* has begun. The factors that most created this current Jihad are these. First, Muhammad ibn Abd al Wahhab (1703-1792) of Arabia started a fundamentalist revival that stressed a return to a passionate following of the literal interpretation of the Koran and Hadith. Wahhab drew heavily from the writings of Islamic scholar ibn Taymyya (1263-1328).

Wahhabi theology advocates a 'puritanical and legalistic' stance in matters of faith and religious practice. It sees modern culture, especially that of the West, as totally at odds with the enshrined Muslim culture of the 7th Century Arabian Peninsula that permeates the Koran.

Wahabbism was adopted by the leader of the House of Saud, Abdul Aziz ibn Saud. It has dominated the Saudis ever since. He

founded the modern state of Saudi Arabia in 1932. Shortly thereafter, oil was discovered and the resulting enormous wealth has been used to spread the Wahabbism brand of Islam. Wahhabism dominates the fundamentalist movement and terrorists. Iran practices a form of Wahhabism. It was Wahhabism that inspired the faith of the 19 terrorists that launched suicide attacks against the U.S. on 9/11 – and they were all Saudis. Usama bin Laden, the principle leader of the present so-called *Third Jihad*, is a fanatical follower of Wahabbism – as is al-Qaeda.

By far the most important factor in starting the Third Jihad was the disastrous policy of Jimmy Carter that allowed the Shah of Iran to fall and facilitated the Ayatollah Khomeini's return from exile to take over Iran. This created the most fervent enemy of the U.S. in the world. Khomeini promptly branded the U.S. "the great Satan", because he saw us as the greatest obstacle to the spread of Islam. He inspired the various terrorist groups as few others have.

The other important factor to the Third Jihad was the CIA sponsored recruiting, training and equipping of fanatical Islamic fighters from around the world. Once these "holy warriors" defeated the Soviet Union military and forced them to leave Afghanistan, a monster was born – al-Qaeda (the Base), which is the most dangerous terrorist organization in the world. They furnish the inspiration and leadership to the other Muslim fanatics who are determined to destroy what they see as the greatest hindrance to Islamic conquest – the USA.

These devout Wahabbi-Muslim followers have the inspiration, determination, training and access to weapons of mass destruction to cause the collapse of the U.S. They call this Jihad a 'hundred year war.'

So America – WAKE UP! We have never faced an enemy as dangerous and determined as this one. If you think not, just remember, 19 of these fanatics

launched an attack on our soil that killed more Americans than the Imperial Japanese Naval Air Force did at Pearl Harbor.

The attacks being plotted against us right now involve WMDs that can kill thousands of times more Americans.

When America went to war after Pearl Harbor, the whole nation mobilized and made great and sustained sacrifices until the enemy was defeated. It is even more important today that we continue to realize we are in a war that was not of our choosing. We can't just relax our guard and think the menace we face will go away. Any sign of weakness will just encourage him to launch more lethal attacks.

So it is time for America to either choose to fight with all its might, or be destroyed as all other powers of past history were destroyed when they lost their determination and courage from internal decay. I pray that America does not fall under the onslaught of the *Third Jihad*.

The following unbelievable quote from a pastor, Brian McLaren, who is the Leadership Columnist for Christianity Today.

"Frankly, many of us don't know what we should think about homosexuality. We've heard all sides, but no position has yet won our confidence so that we can say "it seems good to the Holy Spirit and us."... If we think that there may actually be a legitimate context for some homosexual relationships, we know that the biblical arguments are nuanced and multilayered, and the pastoral ramifications are staggeringly complex."

"Perhaps we need a five-year moratorium on making pronouncements [about homosexuality]. In the meantime, we'll practice prayerful Christian dialogue, listening respectfully, disagreeing agreeably. When decisions need to be made, they'll be admittedly provisional."

We'll keep our ears attuned to scholars in biblical studies, theology, ethics, psychology, genetics, sociology, and related fields. Then in five years, if we have clarity, we'll speak; if not, we'll set another five years for ongoing reflection. After all, many important issues in church history took centuries to figure out.

Maybe this moratorium would help us resist the "winds of doctrine" blowing furiously from the left and right, so we can patiently wait for the wind of the Spirit to set our course."

The Gospel on TV

The gospel is more often attacked on TBN than it is on NBC. This has been the legacy of liberalism which has been embraced by quote/unquote "evangelicals." This has been the legacy of Charismaticism where theology and...I'm not speaking about all the people but for the most part where the movement tolerates anybody's view. This has been the legacy of the seeker-friendly pragmatic movement. This has been the legacy of evangelical ecumenism which wants to re-embrace orthodoxy and Catholicism and everybody else. And the confusion goes from the grass roots right on up to the top. I've talked to the evangelical brain trust, if you will, and they aren't even willing to commit to who's a Christian. Even my conversation with J.I. Packer, so capable and gifted a theologian and writer, when I asked him...what is the line by which you determine a true Christian? All he could say was, "That's a good question."