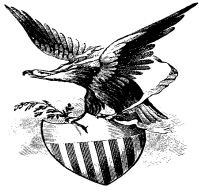


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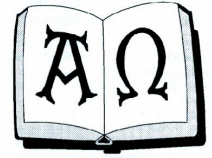
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The Islamic threat is Greater Than German and Soviet Threats Were!

By Dennis Prager

Note: the following is an article written by Dennis Prager a couple of weeks ago which is very shocking but accurate to the present situation we face in the world today.

Failing to follow through and adequately deal with this threat as President Bush is attempting to do and being thwarted by many weak self centered politicians may well be the catalyst that takes the USA out of the picture for the end times scenario of the Tribulation. P/T

Only four types of individuals can deny the threat to civilization posed by the

violence-supporting segment of Islam: the willfully naive, America-haters, Jew-haters and those afraid to confront evil.

Anyone else sees the contemporary reality -- the genocidal Islamic regime in Sudan; the widespread Muslim theological and emotional support for the killing of a Muslim who converts to another religion; the absence of freedom in Muslim-majority countries; the widespread support for Palestinians who randomly murder Israelis; the primitive state in which women are kept in many Muslim countries; the celebration of death; the "honor killings" of daughters; and so much else that is terrible in significant parts of the Muslim world -- knows that civilized humanity has a new evil to fight.

Just as previous generations had to fight Nazism, communism and fascism, our generation has to confront militant Islam.

And whereas there were unique aspects to those evils, there are two unique aspects to the evil emanating from the Islamic world that render this latest threat to humanity particularly difficult to overcome.

One is the number of people who believe in it. This is a new phenomenon among organized evils. Far fewer people believed in Nazism or in communism than believe in Islam generally or in authoritarian Islam specifically. There are one billion Muslims in the world. If just 10 percent believe in the Islam of Hamas, the Taliban, the Sudanese regime, Saudi Arabia, Wahhabism, bin Ladin, Islamic Jihad, the Finley Park Mosque in London or Hizbollah -- and it is inconceivable that only one of 10 Muslims supports any of these groups' ideologies -- that means a true believing enemy of at least 100 million people. Outside of Germany, how many people believed in Nazism? Outside of Japan, who believed in Japanese imperialism and militarism? And outside of universities, the arts world or Hollywood, how many people believed in Soviet-style totalitarianism?

A far larger number of people believe in Islamic authoritarianism than ever believed in Marxism. Virtually no one living in Marxist countries believed in Marxism or communism. Likewise, far fewer people believed in Nazism, an ideology confined largely to one country for less than one generation. This is one enormous difference between the radical Islamic threat to our civilization and the two previous ones.

But there is yet a second difference that is at least as significant and at least as frightening: Nazis and Communists wanted to live and feared death;

Islamic authoritarians love death and loathe life. That is why MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction) worked with the Soviet Union.

Communist leaders love life -- they loved their money, their power, their dachas, their mistresses, their fine wines -- and were hardly prepared to give all that up for Marx. But Iran's current leaders celebrate dying, and MAD may not work, because from our perspective, they are indeed mad. MAD only works with the sane.

There is much less you can do against people who value dying more than living.

The existence of an unprecedentedly large number of people wishing to destroy decent civilization as we know it -- and who celebrate their own deaths -- poses a threat the likes of which no civilization in history has had to confront.

The evils committed by Nazism and Communism were, of course, greater than those committed by radical Islam. There has been no Muslim Gulag and no Muslim Auschwitz.

But the threat is far more serious.

NEW POPE SAYS JOHN PAUL II DIED TRUSTING IN MARY

Speaking on the occasion of the first anniversary of the death of John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI said: "John Paul II died as he always lived, animated by the indomitable courage of faith, abandoning himself to God and ENTRUSTING HIMSELF TO HOLY MARY" (Nicole Winfield, "Pope Recalls Legacy," Associated Press, April 1).

This is no surprise, of course, because there has never been a more Marian-centered Pope. He had "Totus Tuus" (All Yours) embroidered on his papal garments, proclaiming his "abandonment to Mary"

(Crossing the Threshold of Hope, p. 215), and after he was shot during an assassination attempt in May 1981 he attributed his recovery to Mary. A large M (for Mary) was even engraved on his coffin. Those Evangelicals and Charismatics who have told us that John Paul II was a true evangelist and a genuine Christian should explain all of this.

How is it possible for a man to be saved by trusting in Mary? Is that not a false gospel? And if so, was the Pope not under God's curse rather than His blessing? "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:8). The idolatry surrounding the late Pope, who is on a fast track to be sainted, is breathtaking. Hundreds of thousands flocked to Rome to mark the anniversary of his death. Ten thousand a day are visiting his tomb. Thousands more are merging on his hometown of Wadowice in Poland. A businessman in Poland has purchased the house in which he was born and donated it to the Catholic Church, and no doubt it will be made into an idolatrous shrine.

Think on these things!

God has set us free to live the Christian life. This is what God has done by His grace for us. This freedom is ours by faith.

It is our responsibility to ensure that the Holy Spirit who indwells all of us is not grieved or quenched so that the Holy Spirit's ministry might have the influence in all aspects of our life.

The Apostle John talks much about abiding, abiding in Christ, and we abide in Christ by walking by the Spirit and appropriating by faith all that Christ has provided for us through His death, burial and resurrection.

The identification truths link us today to the provision that flows from His death burial and resurrection so that we are able to walk in newness of life.