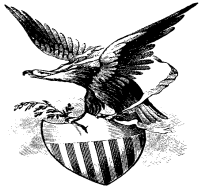


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Having been raised in the 50's and 60's, terrorism was something that few of us could really comprehend and it usually had to do with the Arabs and Israel. The average American was still living with a Judeo/Christian worldview and welcoming immigrants into our country to enjoy the benefits of freedom and prosperity. For the most part, our government was nationalistic and patriotic and we were all about protecting our freedoms and our people. For the last six years now, we have lived with the threat of annihilation by Arab terrorists that believe only they have a correct worldview. Thus, ALL MUST believe their way or die, because this is what their God says is "truth." As we mentioned in our last letter, anyone should be able to compare Christianity and Islam and realize that one of them is in essence holding a gun to the head to force belief, while the other is offering salvation as a free gift of believing—no one will be killed if they don't believe.

Much of our shift in thinking about what we believe can be traced quite easily to subtle and even blatant changes within our educational system. This system has been profoundly affected by the beliefs of not only Horace Mann, but also John Dewey, accompanied by the huge efforts of the ACLU to get all semblances of Christianity out of the schools. Our curriculums have become so contaminated and infiltrated with the teaching of tolerance, self-esteem and multiculturalism, that we have all but lost the principles of integrity and honor

upon which our American Christian heritage was founded. Now the children graduating out of the public school system don't really know what they believe except that they are "entitled" to everything they want. They have been largely "dumbed down" by school curricula and collective, "progressive" learning, T.V., Hollywood, music, electronic games of virtual reality (and worse). This has resulted in people who really can't say whether Hezbollah is right or wrong or that the Jews have a right even to exist! **Moral relativism and postmodern deconstructionism** have taken over our campuses and **the four ideas now are the following:** There **are no absolutes, there is no right or wrong, everything is morally relative, and "who's to say?"** **With this mentality anything goes and can be justified within one's own personal view of right and wrong.**

This came across very vividly during our time at the National Educator's Association Convention in Orlando, FL, over the July 4th weekend. We were representing Answers in Genesis in a booth made available through a delegate who could have a caucus and the accompanying booth. Ninety percent of the teachers at the convention are the cream of the crop teachers. After being involved with this ministry opportunity for the last five years, we continue to be saddened by the majority of teachers that say they are open-minded and willing to listen to other points of view, but what we have experienced is the exact opposite! One of the first teachers that walked by our booth, when offered some free information (a

critique of the propaganda film, *Inherit the Wind* on DVD), answered with: "I don't talk to bigots!" Another teacher stated that it was "people like us that are the reason that children aren't learning anything in the schools!" One teacher stated that they were open-minded about everything except what we were representing! The black and white Spencer Tracy movie *Inherit the Wind* is being shown with great fervor in many public schools, in order to further the brainwashing process about evolution and the evils of creation and Christianity. Many of the NEA teachers were routinely showing it in their classrooms and drama classes are re-enacting it. The problem with it is that it is a Hollywood propaganda movie, with very little fact in it. John Scopes did not do what the movie shows. William Jennings Bryan was not the kind of man they depicted him to be. Bryan did not die the way they enacted it. Essentially, the movie is more false than true, yet it is shown as a documentary in public school classrooms and taught by teachers to be historically accurate.

So, as our culture continues our trek toward Armageddon, what are we to do with the time we might have left on this earth? Our enjoyment of the "good life" and "Leave It to Beaver" days are certainly over. We face an uncertain future as terrorists, like Kamikaze pilots, have nothing to lose and everything to gain by killing "infidels." Where is each of us making a difference in this process of life? For the Christian, we have the sure word of Bible Prophecy and the hope of eternity if we have placed our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. We can get no one "saved" for it is only the Holy Spirit of God that can cause the regeneration process in man (Psalm 49:7). We can, however, share the Good News, being ready always to give an account of the hope that is within us, to those who ask us, yet with gentleness and reverence (I Peter 3:14, 15). Every man is responsible before God because God tells us in Romans 1:19-21, that He has revealed Himself through His creation and man is without excuse.

Christians have no fear of what might be ahead, because we know the outcome. The Bible encourages us that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with what is to come (Romans 8:18), and it IS worth waiting for! As the storm clouds seem to gather, let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for HE is faithful that promised (Hebrews 10:22). All of us need to pray for Israel and the peace of Jerusalem. The Jewish people ARE God's chosen people, and those who "touch" Israel touch the apple of God's eye (Zechariah 2:8). It is indeed a prophetic time in history. Increasingly, the nations of the world rise up and say that Israel and her people have no right to land or to exist in this world, and there is no outcry!!! To further the absurdity, they say that there was no holocaust, knowing we have people living who have endured and survived the realities of that appalling event!!!! What would happen if Israel insisted that Syria or Jordan had no right to exist and they must lose their land and be exterminated?? Would there be an outcry? **What makes the difference?** If the terrorists read the Bible they would know the eventual outcome of those who would war against Israel. God wins, not Allah! They are NOT the same "god."

With the events of August 10, (British discovered the yet future en masse plane bombings) and the mounting terrorist attempts to disrupt the free world, our trip to England will hopefully still be a viable option. We ask for your prayers for this time of ministry and our safe trip over and return.

The NEA convention mentioned above was quite an experience as always, each year having its own "flavor" but always an eye opener as to the incredible brainwashing that is going on within the system. We pray for the Christian teachers that continue to minister within the corridors of compromise. We have been quite busy with various radio interviews for ICR and SW Radio Bible Church, along with interviews on other stations. We are trying

to firm up scheduling for the upcoming year and looking forward to our yearly trek to Pennsylvania, and anticipating our completed DVD series of *The Evolution of a Creationist?* The series will be packaged on two DVD's accompanied by a 77 page workbook. We are praying that our Lord will use it as a resource to accompany *The Evolution of a Creationist* book and be a good laymen's guide to the issues of Creation and Evolution. Please pray for the completion of this project SOON. We praise the Lord for the prayers of our faithful friends and supporters over these last many months. It has been an interesting year. Taryn and Mirren have done very well on their first two classes of their doctoral program, by God's grace, and we ask your prayers for them as they go to England with us and minister at the Youth for Truth Conference, fly back on Sept. 3rd, leave for school on the 5th, and get settled into the fall term. We will return on the 11th (leaving USA on the 22nd of August, neither dates are good ones to be flying on!!)

Some Things to Consider!

One asked of a friend who had worked in Saudi Arabia for twenty years, "Can a good Muslim be a good American?" The following is his forwarded reply:

- 1) Theologically** - no. Because his allegiance is to Allah, the moon god of Arabia.
- 2) Religiously** - no. Because no other religion is accepted by his Allah except Islam (Quran, 2:256). Their daily prayers state plainly there is only one god, Allah, and one true prophet, Mohammed. Everything else is pagan!
- 3) Scripturally** - no. Because his allegiance is to the five pillars of Islam and the Quran (Koran). If you don't believe they are dead serious, just cross one of these beliefs.
- 4) Geographically** - no. Because his allegiance is to Mecca, to which he turns in prayer five times a day. They live here for various reasons, but true Muslims (not the folks who signed on to Islam without a clue as to what it really teaches) never leave their way of life.

5) Socially - no. Because his allegiance to Islam forbids him to make friends with Christians or Jews. Everyone not a Muslim is an infidel, which gives and directs Muslims from their holy writings and leaders the mandate to "destroy" all infidels.

6) Politically - no. Because he must submit to the mullah (spiritual leaders) who teach annihilation of Israel and destruction of America, the great Satan. Their creed cannot allow them to co-exist with Israel, U.S., or any county or person - all are infidels!

7) Domestically - no. Because he is instructed to marry four women and beat and scourge his wife when she disobeys him (Quran 4:34). They modify their "behavior" outside the home, and when the door is closed it is their world.

8) Intellectually - no. Because he cannot accept the American Constitution, since it is based on Biblical principles, and he believes the Bible to be corrupt. They can only pledge allegiance to Allah or Mohammed. This is not optional.

9) Philosophically - no. Because Islam, Muhammad, and the Quran do not allow freedom of religion and expression. Democracy and Islam cannot coexist. Every Muslim government is either dictatorial or autocratic. All one has to do is check the history of wherever Islam has been in charge. This has been their negative history for 1,000+ years. In spite of some liberal people wanting to paint the picture that "some" Muslims are loving, caring, non-aggressive people, this is a paradox of not only their history but their very makeup. The very belief system is very aggressive.

10) Spiritually - no. Because when we declare "one nation under God," the Christian's God is loving and kind, while Allah is never referred to as heavenly father, nor is he ever called 'love' in the Quran's 99 excellent names. Just try to engage a Muslim in a conversation about what Mohammed taught vs. what Jesus told us about how to get along with others, including our enemies.

Therefore after careful study and deliberation,.... perhaps we should be very suspicious of all Muslims in this country. They obviously cannot be both "good" Muslims and good Americans. Call it what you wish,.... it's still the truth.