

QUESTIONABLE LOYALTY

Some Muslims in America have complained that the terrorists have hijacked their religion, giving it a bad name by their murderous attacks on Americans and Christians elsewhere. At the outset, we will grant that there may be many in our country who embrace Islam who are truly loyal to our flag. Some have expressed dismay that they were not allowed to serve in the military in our war against Iraq.

We can understand their feelings; yet they should recognize why their loyalty is in question. How could we think otherwise when all of the terrorists who have destroyed Americans have been of the Islamic religion? A number of them have been named Mohammed but none have been named Jesus or after one of his apostles. They have called upon Allah while performing their murderous acts, and their treachery and destruction have been supported and applauded by Muslims around the world. How can we be sure that putting a Muslim in our military would not be appointing the fox to guard the hen-house?

Our public confidence would be strengthened greatly if the officials of each mosque in America were to denounce openly that they believe and follow the teachings of their Quran and other writings which authorize their violence against infidels (Christians). They could also denounce their killing of a million non-muslims in Sudan and countless more in other lands. They could also use their wealth to make reparations to relatives of those they have murdered. If only 1% of the billion or more Muslims are radical extremists, that presents a formidable force to deal with.

In time of war it is only reasonable to question the loyalty of recent immigrants from an enemy nation. This was true in WWI. There were many recent immigrants from Germany. About twenty miles from my home in Texas, there was a German settlement named Heidelberg, or some such German name which I cannot remember for sure. To declare their patriotism to the US, they changed the name of their small town to Old Glory. Their patriotism to the flag still waves in that name.

Below are some points copied from Jerry Wayne Bernard's Bible Study Group (3-6-03), <biblestudy@jerrybernard.com> which reveal the conflict of loyalty a DEVOUT Muslim in America faces. The writer is Anis Shorrosh, a man converted from Islam to Christ, whom Jerry claims as a dear friend..

MUSLIM AMERICAN PATRIOT? - AN OXYMORON. Can a devout Muslim be an American patriot and loyal citizen?

THEOLOGICALLY, no. Because his allegiance is to Allah, the moon god of Arabia.

SCRIPTURALLY, no. Because his allegiance is to the five pillars of Islam and the Quran.

GEOGRAPHICALLY, no. Because his allegiance is to Mecca, to which he turns in prayer five times a day.

SOCIALLY, no. Because his allegiance to Islam forbids him to make friends with Christians or Jews.

POLITICALLY, no. Because he must submit to the mullah (spiritual leaders) who teach annihilation of Israel and destruction of America, the great Satan.

DOMESTICALLY, no. Because he is instructed to marry four women and beat and scourge his wife when she disobeys him (Quran 4:34).

RELIGIOUSLY, no. Because no other religion is accepted by his Allah except Islam, intolerance (Quran 2:256).

INTELLECTUALLY, no. Because he cannot accept the American Constitution since it is based on biblical principles, and he believes the Bible to be corrupt.

PHILOSOPHICALLY, no. Because Islam, Muhammad and the Quran do not allow freedom of religion and expression. Democracy and Islam cannot co-exist. Every Muslim government is either dictatorial or autocratic. Note: Turkey is only semi-Islamic.

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 our heavenly father, nor is he ever called love in the Quran's 99 excellent names. -By Anis Shorosh.

The devout Muslim is more radical while those less conforming may compromise many of the teachings and they may fit into a society that is less fundamental. But Islam as a whole does not fit into Western culture. It is of questionable wisdom that Western nations have allowed many millions of Muslims to immigrate. There is the ideal of blended cultures, but if one religion demands domination of the government and culture, it becomes like oil in water -- it must always be on top smothering all others below it.

Our country was founded on belief in God and Christ. Any person who emigrates to our country should be willing to accept this fact and adjust to it rather than demanding change in us to conform to their convictions. No doubt, many who have fled the tyranny of countries controlled by Islam are unquestionably loyal to the nation that has given them freedom. It is sad that many who were born here are dedicated to eliminate belief in God and Christ from all aspects of our society.

Water may be enhanced by blending other elements into it, like fruit juice, cola, sugar, caffeine, and coloring. But no oil! Oil must rise to the top and spoil the drink. It cannot mix! Modern sociologists are trying to stir oil into the refreshing drink of Western freedom. The much-traveled Rudyard Kipling warned against it:

“Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet
Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God’s Judgment Seat.”

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