

America must remain diligent when it comes to Islam

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This is a particularly difficult subject to write about because it is so easy to cite prejudice as a motivator. And it doesn't matter that as I write this article today there has been yet another example of a Muslim mowing people down with a truck, following up with a knife attack, because these kinds of attacks have become so frequent that the media outlets barely pay attention.

I have written about this subject before, and I have no illusions that it will make any difference to do so now, except that perhaps others might become as concerned as I that the followers of Islam are coming to our shores in great numbers, some of whom intend to bring Islam and Sharia law with them with the intent that we should live under the same rules.

I will preface this article as I have in previous articles with this disclaimer. I do not hate Muslims. And believe it or not, I think I believe as many other Christians believe, that we want them to survive so that they have the opportunity to find the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

Having said that, I also know that Islam is an ideology whose intent is world conquest, and those that ascribe to the most brutal tenets of Islam have to be eliminated. America is doing the right thing to send troops to those nations where those groups have brought so much death and misery, not just to Christians, but also to other Muslims they brand as infidels.

It is clear in our constitutional history that in America there should be no religious test for those who seek public office or who want to live in our communities. We in America have had a long history of accepting people of many religions. Religious tolerance, even those that are bizarre, is a part of our tradition and heritage.

But it is also a part of our tradition and heritage that we do not allow those religious practices that bring physical or mental harm to those that adhere to their faith or those who become the target of that faith. Polygamy is one example, and others including the Ku Klux Klan and communism have also been the targets of prosecution for obvious reasons.

I cite these last two examples with a purpose. Both were essentially ideologies that made no secret of their goals. One was to oppress blacks, the other was to oppress everyone. While our laws do not expressly prohibit people from believing in these ideologies, they do prohibit them from exercising their beliefs to the detriment of others. And while we do not hear much about either one any more, the truth is that either one could arise again at any moment, particularly communism.

So what sets Islam apart from these ideologies? Do not the majority of Muslims reject the tenets of the Koran that promote world conquest by violence? The generally accepted belief is that

only about 10 percent of Muslims believe in the violence espoused in the Koran, but are we so naive that we think none of that 10 percent (which is about 150 million Muslims worldwide) won't come to our shores, or those that do will reject their deep-seated beliefs?

And what about the other 90 percent? Who among those might suddenly morph from non-violent to violent when some stimulus causes them to change their thinking? More insidiously, what of those that intentionally hide their beliefs and present themselves as peaceful and reject the violent tenets of Islam?

Here is a quote from Robert Spencer in his book *The Complete Infidel's Guide to the Koran*: "It's unfortunate, but true: Islam is the only major religion with a developed doctrine of deception. Many believe this doctrine, called *taqiyya*, is exclusively Shi'ite, but actually it is founded upon Koranic passages. Chief among these is this one: "Let not the believers take for friends or helpers unbelievers rather than believers. If any do that, in nothing will there be help from Allah; except by way of precaution, that ye may guard yourselves from them." He also quotes the Koran where Muslims are explicitly directed to fight People of the Book (Christians): "Fight those who believe not in Allah...nor acknowledge the religion of Truth (even if they are) of the People of the Book, until they pay the *Jizya* (tax to Islam) with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued..." and "...slay the idolaters where ye find them, and take them (captive), and besiege them, and prepare for them each ambush..."

Is there anything legislatively that we can do to prevent Islam from forcing itself on America? Unfortunately, probably not as long as it is considered a religion, and especially considering the impact such laws would unfairly and unconstitutionally have on other religions.

The answer is in education and awareness, so that Islam is unable to withstand scrutiny. With all of the distractions around us – natural disasters and political squabbles – we can never let our guard down on this issue.



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