

What's Missing in the War on Terrorism?

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President George W. Bush has correctly identified the greatest problem facing his administration and has accordingly declared “War on Terrorism.” We need to pray for our President and for all those in authority.

The current administration has outlined a strategy for this war. “We will fight them on many fronts,” the President declared. The theaters of operations include economic: we will deprive them of funds; diplomatic: we will disown their friends; intelligence: we will deny them facts; and military: we will destroy their forces. Good start. Sounds like war, but what is missing in this picture? Have we failed to correctly identify the problem?

We have been told that this is a new and different kind of war. But relatively few have identified the *unique* characteristic of the struggle. To answer the question in the title of this article, we must acknowledge that **this is a spiritual war**. We *wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places*.

Let us never forget that the radical Islamic forces declared *Jihad* (holy war) on us and attacked us first, long before 9/11/01. In the previous 20 years, since 1981, there had been 7,581 Muslim terrorist attacks out of 9,737 terror attacks worldwide. I believe this current war started in 1979 when the Iranians took over the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, and held our personnel hostage for 444 days. When the Muslims saw we would not react, they bombed our Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon in 1983 killing 63 and later the same year killed over 240 US Marines in their barracks.

This launched an ‘open season’ on American citizens. Other Muslims piled on. The Libyans bombed a *café* in Berlin where our GI’s hang out and downed a Pan-Am flight over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988. The first Islamic attack on New York’s World Trade Center was in 1993. Then in 1996 they bombed the Khobar Towers, a US Military complex in Saudi Arabia, killing 19. Two years later they simultaneously bombed US Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania slaughtering 224 and seriously injuring 4,500. In 2000, while

the USS Cole was refueling in Aden, Yemen an Islamic suicide boat team hit the ship, killing 17 sailors and marines. Then on 9/11 thousands were killed when they downed the World Trade Center twin towers in New York and hit the Pentagon. **That got our attention!**

Muslims are convinced that America is the Great Satan, and they will gain brownie points with Allah if they destroy us – U.S. They believe the time has come to wage an all-out war because their goal is to establish a worldwide Islamic theocracy. We could ultimately lose this war if for reasons of *political correctness* we fail to recognize it for what it is – a religious conflict.

Britain, our closest ally in two World Wars and now in the War on Terrorism, has a big problem. Islam is the fastest growing religion in the UK. That explains why Prime Minister Tony Blair has so much domestic opposition to his partnership with the US. France has a 20% Muslim population, (which outnumber Catholics) and their government was in bed with Saddam and the UN in the Oil for Food Program. Germany has an Islamic problem with its large number of *gast arbeiter*s. Russia now fears an Islamic revolution from its various *stans* more than they worried about US ‘imperialism’ during the Cold War. Even China is sending troops to its Western front to stem an Islamic tide.

America is seen worldwide as apologetically backing away from its Christian roots. We’ve taken the Bible and prayer out of our public schools, the Ten Commandments out of our Courts and our revisionist history books have removed all evidence of Christian heritage and influence by our Founding Fathers. Our lawmakers are even confused over a simple definition of “marriage.” The Islamic conclusion: now is the time to strike.

The world has changed since 9/11. Strategy for this war is planned by the mullahs not the military. Don’t expect a fair shake from any sheik; they believe in separation – separating your head from your body. It’s time for Christians to come out of the closet and let our light shine if we really believe that Jesus Christ is *the Way, the Truth and the Life*. That’s what this war is all about.

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Next month: What if the unthinkable happens and we lose this war? Remember, when God’s chosen people, Israel, turned away from Jehovah and served ‘other’ gods, they lost wars and were repeatedly carried off captive by their enemies.