

Multicultural Suicide

In January 2007, for the first time in U.S. history, a freshman Congressman (Keith Ellison from the 5th district in Minnesota) took the oath of office with his hand on a Qur'an instead of a Bible. Apparently the Qur'an had belonged to Thomas Jefferson and was among some 6,500 other volumes in his library.

Our first Muslim congressman believes that Jefferson "received insight from the Qur'an in founding our country." Not true! Jefferson was using it to gain insight into the *thinking* of our Islamic enemy in our first war on terrorism against the Barbary pirates. The U.S. had just won independence from England and our navy was insufficient to combat the pirates especially at such a great distance.

In his book, *WHITE GOLD*, Giles Milton carefully documents the extraordinary story of Thomas Pellow and the one million European slaves captured by the Islamic corsairs of Barbary as they plundered coastal populations in England, Ireland, Spain, France, Holland and as far north as Iceland during the 17th and 18th centuries.

Investor's Business Daily notes, "Before American schools stopped teaching American history, everybody knew about the Barbary pirates, Islamic seafaring raiders who (when not engaged in lucrative slave trade) spent their off-hours raiding American and British commerce."

Jefferson and John Adams were appointed as ambassadors to negotiate with the local North African Sultan, leader of the Barbary States. After these high-level discussions they reported back to Congress: "Islam was founded on the laws of their Prophet. It is written in their Qur'an that all nations who should not acknowledge their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war on them wherever they could be found and to make slaves of all they could take as prisoners, and that every Muslim who was slain in battle was sure to go to Paradise."

Following the Jefferson-Adam's report, Congress sent in the U.S. Marines and their subsequent victory over the Barbary sultan is immortalized in the lines of their hymn, "...to the shores of Tripoli."

Sadly, little has changed in Islamic attitudes since that time. Islam's advance in Africa follows the same rules; Christians or non-Muslims who refuse to convert are shot on the spot or taken as slaves *a la* Sudan. They are committed to destroy the western "infidel." Now weapons of mass destruction have replaced the sword.

At the same time they are busy infiltrating without assimilating. An estimated 25 million Muslims are legally living within the European Union. Western governments have legislated *tolerance*, while liberal churches have embraced diversity and both are proudly

"multicultural." Muslims are allowed to congregate in their own communities without integrating with the rest of society – thus breeding their own ghettos. Some of these are already pushing to install *Sharia*, civil law based on the Qur'an.

The trend in western families is to limit their population through contraception or even abortion. Muslim immigrants have large families that effectively change the demographics and enable them to

elect government officials.

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The secular EU has no strategy for dealing with the cultural dimensions of its problem. Without a religious context, European officials are reduced to endless calls for "dialogue," as they can only see the problems as economic or legal.

Europe is dying of theological thirst in a spiritual Sahara. This is apparent from the EU constitution. The word *Christianity* never appears in the 70,000-word document. To totally ignore the deep Christian roots of European civilization, seen in its art, heard in its music, read in its literature and attested to by majestic cathedrals, not to mention all the worldwide spin-off benefits of the Reformation, is vivid evidence of *Christophobia* – a purposeful and active denial of those roots.

"Whosoever shall be ashamed of Me," Jesus said, "of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed." Mark 8:38

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