

## Guess who wins the game – fair play in an unfair world

Recently a non-binding resolution entitled *Combating Defamation of Religion* passed the UNCHR (United Nations Council on Human Rights). It states in part: “The Council expresses deep concern at attempts to identify Islam with terrorism, violence and human rights violations.” Really? Do they think that we’re all blind and asleep at the switch?

It gets worse: The resolution notes an intensification of the campaign of defamation of religions and “the ethnic and religious profiling of Muslim minorities, in the aftermath of the tragic events of 11 September 2001.” With invisible Muslim moderates failing to have any apparent control over the excesses of their co-religionists, it is not unreasonable to expect further deadly terror outrages

Many thought it was unusually convenient that the violent 'Cartoon Intifadas' of February 2006 (which erupted some five months after the controversial Danish cartoons were originally published) occurred only weeks before the UNCHR was due to consider the resolution. You don't have to be too cynical to wonder if the Arab League sponsored not only the resolution but the Cartoon Intifadas as well. We do not believe that all adherents of Islam practice “terrorism, violence and human rights violations,” but the cold, hard facts are that significant numbers do.

Note: the resolution opposes “the ethnic and religious profiling of Muslim minorities.” In other words, as long as Islam is in the **minority**, its adherents should not be “profiled” or be shown “intolerance, defamation or Islamophobia but ought to be granted ‘the enjoyment of all rights.’” But we must keep in mind that Islam is a politico-religious philosophy, which in Muslim-**majority** countries combines the force of law with its religious beliefs.

Thus when Islam becomes the majority religion, Sharia law comes into force and Christians along with other non-Muslims become second-class citizens. This is already happening in the former Soviet republics of Central Asia.

Not surprisingly, 21 Muslim-majority countries voted in favor of this resolution. Cuba joined in along with Russia and the Philippines (both with large Muslim minorities). Those opposed included France, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, all of which have recently experienced rioting by Muslims, torching cars, businesses and public housing to demand their *rights*.

“Defamation” is not simply making rational and factually

true arguments in favor of one position as opposed to another, but rather making slanderous and untrue arguments. To label something as “defamation” or “Islamophobia” simply because someone makes a logically sound and correct argument is in itself slanderous.

Commenting on this resolution a missionary friend in Russia writes, “I mention this not only because of the growing minority of Muslims in Russia, but also because of their increasing insistence on ‘tolerance’ of their world-view. The problem with so-called modern ‘tolerance’ is that it is often demanded by those who want to use [our] democracy in order to overthrow democracy. True tolerance must be reciprocal, with all sides agreeing to play by the same rules. If during a football game one team is not allowed to go beyond its half of the playing field, but the other team disregards that rule and runs all over the field, guess which team scores all the points and wins the game?”

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