

Don't Lose Your Head Over Islamic Eschatology

Dangerous to your health: Part Two

Six months ago we looked at Islamic beliefs about the 'end times' and discovered that in addition to their basic faith in one god, Allah, the second in importance concerns the Last Day. We learned that Muslim scholars actually apply Bible verses about the anti-Christ to their awaited savior, the Mahdi.

"The Qur'an specifically denies that Jesus was ever crucified, or that He even experienced death." He was assumed into heaven alive, much like Elijah, where He remained with Allah to await His return to earth. To Muslims He is not a "Savior," but just one of many prophets. They believe that when Jesus returns He comes as a radical Muslim and will oversee Sharia law worldwide. (p. 72)

Sharia is the system of Islamic law that operates in many Muslim countries across the world, specifically Sudan, Egypt, Libya and Saudi Arabia. Other nations have secular codes that function alongside and are subservient to Sharia. Under Sharia, **beheading** is the method of choice for capital crimes. According to CBS News, 6/27/04, "The Saudi government beheaded 52 men and one woman [in 2003] for

crimes including murder, homosexuality, armed robbery and drug-trafficking. A condemned convict is brought into the courtyard; hands tied and forced to bow before the executioner, who swings a huge sword amid cries from onlookers of *Allahu Akbar!* (Arabic for 'Allah is great')."

The gruesome Islamic practice of beheading began with Muhammad as his favorite method of killing. His career of violence and aggression began when his small band of Muslim warriors attacked commercial caravans traveling between Mecca and Damascus. These unarmed merchants were soft targets for such treacherous bandits. Citizens of Mecca, depending on these caravans for their life, sent local men from the tribe of Quraysh to attack Muhammad at what became known as the Battle of Badr. Muhammad and his gang gained a surprise victory that day and following the surrender of Quraysh proceeded to decapitate between 700 and 800 prisoners.

This slaughter in 627 A.D. awakened a blood-lust in the desert bandit. He joined with two other groups – the Khazraj and the Aus – and had 400 Jews beheaded. But the pattern Muhammad established came back to bite him. "In 680 A.D. the Prophet's favorite grandson, Hussein bin Ali, had his head chopped off (along with 71 of his male companions) in Karbala, central Iraq, by the soldiers of the Caliph Yazid. Placed on a silver platter, the severed head was sent to Damascus and forwarded on to Cairo for inspection by the Governor of Egypt." New York Post 5/14/04

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Stories of beheadings have filled Islam's history. While modern revisionist historians present Babur, founder of the Mughal Empire, as a paragon of Muslim tolerance, this is what he wrote in his autobiography *Baburnama* about infidel prisoners of a jihad campaign: "Those who were brought in alive [having surrendered] were ordered beheaded, after which a tower of skulls was erected in the camp." [Editor: While traveling in Eastern Europe, I have personally seen such a tower, between Belgrade and Sophia with some 2,000 skulls.]

Now, fast-forward to 1842. "Afghani Muslims overtook the British garrison in Kabul and beheaded over 2,000 men, women and children. The heads were placed on sticks around the city for decorations." The practice continued during the 1980s in Afghanistan, where an estimated 3,000 Soviet troops were beheaded by Afghani warriors. "In 1992 the mullahs sent a 'specialist' to cut off the head of Shapour Bakhtiar, the shah's last prime minister, in a suburb of Paris." *Ibid.*

More recently the American journalist Daniel Pearl, and

Nicholas Berg the American contractor, and Kim-Sun-il the Korean translator and missionary were all beheaded against a background chorus of '*Allahu Akbar!*'

According to Islamic law, Muslims are allowed to kill non-Muslims. "*Then slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captive and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush...*" Surah 9:5

With all this in mind be advised that last month the slightly Reverend Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, recommended the adoption of Islamic law in Britain! To adopt Sharia "seems unavoidable" to the leader of 70 million Anglicans worldwide. Williams' announcement brought indignation from Parliament and a rebuke from Prime Minister Gordon Brown. Alistair McBay said it would "directly undermine" the concept of citizens being equal under the law. "We have segregated schools, segregated scout groups and even segregated toilets for Muslims, and now the archbishop says we should have different laws. It's madness." he said.

The Apostle John reveals his vision of events during the end times: "*Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the Word of God,*" Revelation 20:4 We must be aware that Islam's driving goal is to literally eradicate (behead) what it sees as false religions and that all Muslims at all times must strive through *jihad* for global domination. (p.156)

To be continued

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