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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK: Of Kings and Presidents

It's long been reported on these pages that there is a direct correlation between America's founding fathers and their belief in, and loyalty to, Judeo-Christian standards; and the direct blessings of God on our nation. Israel's King Solomon stated it simply and correctly in **Proverbs 14:34**: Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Translation? A right standing with God will bring His mercies. A nation's real greatness doesn't consist of its military conquests or the intelligence of its people, but rather its observance of God's statutes and principles. A nation's sin, on the other hand, will bring God's displeasure, resulting in degradation and even condemnation of its people.

A cursory review of the statements made by America's early leaders clearly validates this. James Madison, our fourth president and "Father of the Constitution" said, "The future success of America is not in the Constitution, but in the laws of God upon which this Constitution is founded". He went on to say, "We have staked the whole future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments". Perhaps our third president, Thomas Jefferson, said it best: "God, who gave us life, gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift from God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever".

David, who preceded his son Solomon as King of Israel, said in **Psalms 33:12** "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord". David and Solomon knew a little something about governing a rebellious and difficult people. We're at a time in our country's history right now when we need God's favor more than ever. As Jefferson said, God's justice cannot sleep forever. And unless we as a nation repent of our sins, God has every right to take away our liberty and our pursuit of happiness.

As we celebrate our nation's 241st birthday this month, let's pray that the true Christians here in America remain vigilant, faithful, and obedient to God, understanding that we can see our present and future clearly by looking at our past. We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we know the One who does. And just as our founding Fathers relied on the hand of Providence to shine the light on the path He had prepared for them, we also can trust in His faithfulness to us, no matter what the future may hold for our land. God has a plan in motion for those whose trust is in Him, and as Paul reminds us in **Philippians 1:6**, we can be confident that He which has begun a good work in us will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Happy Birthday, America!

Rev. David Lewis

The Sovereignty of God's Word

Part III - The Suffering Servant Becomes King

By Robert Luthardt, Sr.

Nothing demonstrates the deathblow to Satan and his minions (sheep-clad wolves, blind leaders deceiving and being deceived – Matt. 7:15, 15:14; 2 Tim. 3:13) as does the prophetic events that even the Devil knows are already or are being fulfilled. The rebirth of the nation of Israel (est. 1948) and the ongoing return of Jews to their ancient promised-land are just two examples of God's sovereignty.

Merely having an intellectual grasp of scriptural and theological concepts alone is no guarantee of salvation (not many wise are called, 1 Cor. 1:26). Satan twisted scripture in the Garden (Gen. 3:1-5) and in the wilderness tempting Christ (Matt. 4:1-11). Jesus vanquished him, by properly applying God's Word. We can best follow Him when we exhibit childlike faith (Matt. 18:2-4; Mark 10:13-16).

In Psalm two Christ is the Son of God. In Isaiah (7:14) His miraculous conception is foretold and the fulfillment, Luke recorded (1:32-35, 2:1-7). Christ was prophesied to rise from the tomb (Ps. 16:10; Acts 13:32-37).

The crucifixion was graphically told (Ps. 22; Is. 53; Ps. 69:21) and fulfilled by God the Son (Is. 43:10-11). Our suffering redeemer (Ps. 49:7) was despised and rejected (Ps. 50:6; Is. 53:3-12) and disfigured physically (Is. 52:14).

Daniel prophesied a suffering Messiah (9:24-26). By fulfilling scores of prophecies, Christ proved He was the "seed" promised in the Old Testament (Gen. 3:15). He declared, "Moses wrote of me" (John 5:46; Gen. 49:10; Deut. 18:15). Christ's Apostles, led of the Holy Spirit, used Old Testament prophecies as key passages, especially to authenticate the bodily resurrection of Christ. David foresaw it (Ps. 16:10). Jesus taught that the Bible (Old Testament) was fully interspersed with prophecies pertaining to Him (Luke 24:44).

The Apostles were eyewitness to the empty tomb and to Christ's post-resurrection appearances that lasted 40 days. In total, Christ was seen by over 700 people – 500 on one occasion alone. Christ walked with them, talked with them, ate with them and lastly ascended into heaven in the sight of them (Acts 1:6-11).

Theologians affirm that the Bible is such a cohesive whole in its unity that only Divine providence could achieve. The design of God's redemption has been designated "The Scarlet Thread of Redemption" that flows from Genesis to Revelation. God's many miracles underscore the supernatural scope of His word – a divine seal and stamp of approval. Holy Spirit established belief is superior to mere seeing, once historical and archeological confirmations are added to fulfilled prophecies for student whose heart has been opened (Acts 16:14). God providentially preserves His Word as Christ also guaranteed (Luke 21:33, 24:44; Matt. 5:18).

Christ assured, “The scriptures cannot be broken,” applying David’s disgust with proud stiff-necked leaders (Ps. 82:6) after Christ’s adversaries had falsely charged Him with blasphemy for claiming His divinity. They only exposed their own pride-filled sinfulness. Christ’s exhortation to them was that if they truly believed Moses they would believe the one Moses wrote about (John 5:36-47). Jesus confirmed God’s infallible, inerrant Word in His parables (Luke 16:20-31) and by His frequent appeal to the Holy Scriptures (Matt. 19:4-6).

The Pharisees may have known the scriptures intellectually but without the Holy Spirit’s guidance they lacked the discernment and the faith to truly understand Jesus’ explanations of God’s Word. For generations, they had sinfully added man’s concepts of do’s and don’ts to God’s Word amassing volumes of man-centered works-righteousness which God had forbidden (Deut. 4:2, 12:32; Prov. 30:6).

Christ pointed to numerous Old Testament verses in His “Sermon on the Mount.” Many of His teachings beside the Beatitudes – His metaphors, His parables – contained not only explanations but also enhancements of the scriptures. He used expressions like, “you have heard it said ... But I say ...;” speaking with the divine authority of God of which no mere mortal is allowed – adding to the written Word of God. He alone – the only begotten Son of God – possesses authority to deepen the meaning of God’s Word and requiring mankind’s acceptance and obedience (John 3:16, 14:15). The Lord brought down the pharisaical stagnation of “works-righteousness” from its foundation of sand (Matt. 7:24-29) opening the only way to eternal life (7:13-15) by removing the legalistic burden of added works and restrictions and other errors that defile God’s pure Word (Prov. 30:5).

Christ who had come not to destroy the Law but to fulfill it, rejected unbiblical illusions (Matt. 5:17). He said the Sabbath was given as a blessing for mankind not the burdensome curse it became (Mark 2:27-28; Col. 2:16). Christ, and His Apostles, frequently used phraseology like, “It is written” or “have you not read” (Matt. 4:4-10; Luke 24:2-27). The Law forbid adultery but Christ added not to even harbor the thought of it (Matt. 5:27-28).

The Kingdom prepared for and by God the Son (John 1:1-3), He also intended for His adopted children (Ep. 1:4-12) and Christ confirmed this by His divine authority (John 14:1-3). From the empty manger in Bethlehem to the empty cross and tomb at Calvary, our Savior completed all His required work in fulfillment and confirmation of the prophecies in the Holy Word of God. When He triumphantly entered Jerusalem riding a donkey He was purposefully fulfilling prophecies (Zech. 9:9, 11:12-13; Matt. 21:1-11). Christ repeatedly reminded believers that all prophecies concerning Him must be fulfilled just as He told John the Baptist at Jesus’ ceremonial baptism (Matt. 3:15) and to all others as well (Mark 14:49; Luke 4:17-21).

The Lord’s seemingly harsh reply to the Syrophenician woman was necessitated because all the prophecies concerning His work in Israel must first be fulfilled and He be crucified. After His resurrection, He then instructed the Apostles to go into “all the world” with His soul-healing gospel (Mark 7:25-30). Once Christ fulfilled every prophecy pertaining to His first advent to earth, He thereby confirmed the Gospel and authenticated God’s written Word so that “whosoever will” may come.

Now even Gentiles can be “grafted into” God’s own family (Rom. 11:17) and Abraham becomes the spiritual Father of all those God has drawn to salvation in Christ (John 6:44; Rom. 4:16). We are granted the privilege to have in us “the mind of Christ” (Phil. 2:5-13). Christ, though EQUAL with the Father, became “a servant ... obedient unto death,” yet retained power to raise Himself (John 2:19). Scripture stipulates Christ’s divinity (John 3:31, 1:1-3, 14; 1 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 9:5; Col. 2:9). Jesus asserted it (John 10:30) as did the Apostles (Matt. 8:27; Heb. 1:8). Isaiah also called Christ God (7:14, 9:6; Matt. 1:23).

When Christ said, “All things must be fulfilled ... in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms concerning me ...” (Luke 24:44) He in effect authenticated the entire Old Testament. None can reasonably consider Christ’s obedience to His crucifixion and the miracle of the resurrection and yet ignore His example of conformity to scriptural authority. In demonstrating His true flesh and blood humanity, Christ dutifully and purposefully kept ALL commands of God’s Word, resisted every temptation which qualified Him alone as the perfect Lamb of God and “captain of our salvation” through taking our suffering (Heb. 2:9-19, 14-18) and dying in our place.

Holy Spirit guided believers understand and dutifully accept scriptural mandates, after having received by grace, the unearned GIFT of faith (Ep. 2:8-10). Unbelieving modernists forsake and abandon the truth of scripture and even discount secular history becoming what the Bible calls – “fools” (Ps. 14:1, 53:1). They contend that humans alone wrote the scriptures so they must contain errors. Destructive critics foolishly allege that the first eleven chapters of Genesis are mythological and thereby effectively overthrowing major doctrines of Christianity. They only prove that Satan blinds minds (2 Cor. 4:3-4; Ep. 2:2-3).

Scoffers claim that since God the Son had divested Himself of His divinity to become truly human, He took on all the limitations of Adam’s fallen nature. “But God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself ...” (2 Cor. 5:19a). Christ left His throne, became a man, kept the whole Law perfectly, and willingly died for our sins in our place. Now sinners can be reconciled to God but only by the covering of Christ’s blood atonement alone (Heb. 9:12-14, 27-28) applied to the hearts of guilty sinners by God the Holy Spirit for our eternal redemption (Matt. 26:28; Rom 5:9; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 1:5).

He who came first as a suffering servant will one day return as King of kings and His Bride, the current body of believers (Col. 2:18, 24; Ep. 1:22-23; 1 Cor. 12:27; Rom 12:5) the Church, will be with Him – Forever! (Rev. 19:7; 2 Cor. 11:2, Rom 7:4).

Keep looking up.



Rejoice In The Lord --- Always!

By Nancy Long

Nehemiah 8:10b – “..... for the **joy** of the Lord is your strength.”

Psalm 32:11a – “Be glad in the Lord, and **rejoice**, ye righteous:

Psalm 33:1a – “**Rejoice** in the Lord, O ye righteous;

Psalm 40:16a – “Let all those that seek Thee **rejoice** and be glad in Thee:”

Psalm 71:23 – “My lips shall greatly **rejoice** when I sing unto Thee;
and my soul, which Thou hast redeemed.”

Psalm 97:12 – “**Rejoice** in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks
at the remembrance of His holiness.”

Psalm 118:24 – “This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will
rejoice and be glad in it.”

Psalm 119:14 – “I have **rejoiced** in the way of Thy testimonies, as much
as in all riches.”

Romans 14:17 – “For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but
righteousness, and peace, and **joy** in the Holy Ghost.”

Romans 15:13 – “Now the God of hope fill you with all **joy** and peace in
believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power
of the Holy Ghost.”

Gal. 5:22a – “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, peace, longsuffering,
gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance

Phil. 4:4 – “**Rejoice** in the Lord always: and again I say, **Rejoice.**”

Phil. 4:13 – “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheth me.”

1 Thess. 5:16 – “**Rejoice** evermore.”

James 1:2 -- “My brethren, count it all **joy** when ye fall into divers temptations;”

1 John 1:4 – “And these things write we unto you, that your **joy** may be full.”

The book of Philippians, penned by the apostle Paul, is one of the smallest books in the New Testament, but surely its brevity doesn't make it any less important. There are some extremely powerful and wise teachings here in this tiny epistle.

The call is to “**rejoice always**”! Is this, though, a realistic, and sensible exhortation? Is it rational? Is it acting in accordance to our human nature that appeals to reason? Is this expectation even possible?? Reading through though, and most importantly internalizing, the rest of this particular verse in Philippians we see “**in the Lord**” as being the key phrase.

First of all, and of utmost importance, one must know Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior; one must know Him intimately as “Father”. Then, and only then, is one able to find joy, and be grateful, in every situation that God provides in this life, and yes as well, “**rejoice**”! “*This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it*” (Psalm 118:24). There are no qualifiers here. We “**will rejoice**”, with God's help, “**and be glad in it**” no matter what any given 24 hours might bring.

The exhortation to “rejoice” can **always** be obeyed, even in the middle of situations we would deem less than ideal even in the midst of conflicts, extreme trials and loss, because joy is not contingent upon our surroundings. Joy is not conditional! Think about the apostle Paul. I mean, this man was more than familiar with trouble and sufferings. His living conditions here were a whole lot less than desirable. While writing this very letter to the Philippians, he was sitting in a prison cell, and not a cushy one at that. He had every reason **not** to rejoice! You see though, that joy rests not on favorable circumstances or one's environment, but “**in the Lord**”. Inner contentment, blissfulness, satisfaction, gratification, fulfillment, serenity, and peace of mind and spirit, only comes “**from**” the Lord and “**in**” the Lord.

The apostle Paul **knew** something, and he **believed** it!! We no longer lived then, nor do we live now, in paradise, but we make our home in an imperfect, fallen, corrupt and sin infested world. Jesus has told us, “*In the world, ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world*” (John 16:33b). Be of **good cheer**? **rejoice** perhaps?! Just to reiterate, the apostle Paul knew, and believed, that this is not all there is not then, nor now!! This is not the end of the story. Something greater is coming! Someone greater is coming! Jesus is coming again!!! There is no better reason to **rejoice** than having a hope such as this!! “*There is joy unspeakable, and full of glory, and the half has never yet been told*”, so goes the hymn.

the problems. So what does he do about it? He asks Qadhi to [make a video](#) that explains Islam to Christians. So, even assuming Qadhi means what he says, do you really expect him to get into those inconvenient truths?

One can find many passages in the Old Testament that call for extreme punishments. For example, Mosaic law treats adultery, homosexuality, incest and bestiality as capital crimes. (Leviticus 20), but does that happen today? Only in Islam are these and other extreme punishments meted out for such behavior. Only in Islam is stoning and beheading still a routine form of execution. You could argue that ISIS does not follow Islamic law, but only in some of the novel forms of execution ISIS has dreamed up.

Conservative Christian evangelist and radio show host Brannon Howse has taken White on. Howse explained his case in a [recent post](#):

I am saddened and heart-broken that people from conservative Bible and reformed institutions and churches think that holding a dialogue with a Jihadi imam in a church is acceptable. But to some, it now appears to be.

I have been writing and speaking on radio about Yasir Qadhi for several years, so it is not like I went looking for this controversy. I found it because I was on YouTube listening to speeches by Yasir and stumbled on videos of James White in a church in my hometown facilitating what was described as an "interfaith dialogue."

Howse said that "participating in this sort of event with non-believers clearly violates the teaching of 2 John 9-11 and 2 Corinthians 6:14." Howse believes that White is simply playing into the Islamist's hands, and calls him a "dupe" and "useful idiot."

These terms may sound harsh, but are very apropos in this circumstance. "[Useful idiot](#)" is a term coined by Soviet leaders to describe Western liberals who enthusiastically promoted the communist line without knowing it. Today the "Interfaith Dialog" seeks to do the same for Islam.

Instead of considering that reality however, White's friends and allies have gone on the warpath. Probably the most prominent is Phil Johnson, Executive Director of John MacArthur's Grace To You ministries, who said on Facebook that "Howse's critique is overblown and exaggerated to a shameful degree," despite acknowledging that, "In the years I've been at GCC (Grace Christian Church) we have never sponsored any kind of debate with an unbeliever."

This is a difficult issue. There does need to be some meeting of the minds between Muslims and other Americans, because the Islamists and the Left are aggressively trying to inflame and provoke division. Divide and conquer is the Left's method, and with the Islamists they have found perhaps the most divisive issue. Sharia law threatens to undermine constitutional law, while terrorism is an existential threat to our lives - though most American Muslims want neither. But the Interfaith Dialog is an invention of those pursuing this strategy - it is a form of slow, societal capitulation.

We are facing a multi-front, aggressive effort to disarm, emasculate and delegitimize our nation. Apologists like Mr. Qadhi assure us there is nothing to fear, while the Islamist political operatives viciously attack us as "bigots" and "Islamophobes" when we express the slightest skepticism. Meanwhile our instincts and the increasing frequency of deadly attacks played out before our eyes *every day*, tell us otherwise. We really do need to confront the dangers posed by Islamic terrorism and the subversive effort to advance the conquest ideology of Sharia law. The answer, however, is not to make pretend there is no problem.

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Qadhi claims to oppose violent Jihad and [characterizes ISIS](#) as "crazy", "something we have never seen before". For that he has been called "apostate" in the [ISIS publication](#), Dabiq, along with Keith Ellison, Huma Abedin, Mohamed Elbahi and others. However, it is difficult to understand how someone so certain of Islam's supremacy could at the same time work against it as ISIS claims he is doing. But Qadhi has much bigger problems that Dr. White is either unaware of or dismisses:

According to the [New York Times](#), Qadhi is a Salafist, an ultra-conservative sect of Islam associated with, but predating Saudi Wahhabism. Osama bin Laden was a Salafist. Qadhi is a member of the Muslim Brotherhood's [Assembly of Muslim Jurists of America](#) (AMJA). The AMJA is at the forefront of legal battles to [legitimize Sharia law](#) in U.S. courts.

Qadhi is both Dean of Academic Affairs and instructor at the [Al Maghrib Institute](#), which has produced numerous jihadis. He personally taught Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the Nigerian "Underwear Bomber".

His speech at the ICNA-MAS convention is just one of many he has given at functions produced by organizations associated with radical Islam.

- ICNA is the American branch of [Jamaat-e-Islami](#) (JI).
- JI's military wing [owned the Pakistani compound](#) where Osama bin Laden hid out and was finally killed by U.S. Special Forces.
- JI rivals the Muslim Brotherhood in its influence in modern Islam and is allied with the Brotherhood as well as Saudi Sunni Islamists.
- Like the MB, it developed a modern "revolutionary conception of Islam".
- MAS is a Muslim Brotherhood front.
- At the 14th Annual ICNA-MAS conference, MAS Immigrant Justice Ctr. Director Khalilah Sabra [called for](#) an Egypt-style nationwide revolution.
- At that same conference, CAIR Director Nihad Awad declared CAIR's alliance with Black Lives Matter. CAIR has since participated in nationwide BLM protests.
- Anti-Trump protester [Linda Sarsour](#) has also spoken at ICNA-MAS conferences.

According to [Understanding the Threat](#), Qadhi works with Hamas and other terrorist groups and has publicly defended notorious Islamists, including [Sami al Arian](#), convicted terrorist [Ali al-Timimi](#), American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh and al Qaeda terrorist [Aafia Siddiqui](#).

[Qadhi invited](#) Imam [Siraj Wahhaj](#), "an all-time favorite of all of us", to speak at Qadhi's "Pleasant View" Islamic school in Memphis, TN. Wahhaj is a member of Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam, was an undicted co-conspirator in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, and spoke in court in defense of the so-called "Blind Sheikh", Omar Abdel Rahman, who was convicted as the bombing's mastermind.

Now, Qadhi is not alone in lionizing Wahhaj. The Democratic Party featured Wahhaj in its [first-ever Jumah](#), held at the 2012 Democratic National Convention. But this is not evidence of his moderation. Instead it shows just how far off the edge the Democratic Party has gone.

Perhaps the most damning evidence however, comes from [this linked video](#). Qadhi declares that anyone who claims God has a son, "Allah has a child", is "getting his information from Shaytan (Satan)." "What a monstrosity comes from their mouth; what an evil lie their mouth utters". "They literally invent it from their mouths... hot air... How dare they..." he says. Speaking to his own, he makes very clear that Christians and in fact all non-Muslims are beneath contempt.

So never mind the doctrinal differences, Dr. White seems to have really picked a winner here. Now, in fairness to Dr. White, he plainly states that there are problems with Islam - with its doctrine and its violence. Rather than being helpful, however, this simply disarms us by reassuring us that he is aware of

From the Muslim perspective, White probably couldn't have picked a more effective apologist. Yasir Qadhi has an engaging manner, is very articulate and seems conciliatory. His speeches show that he is absolutely unwavering in his defense of Islam - which White acknowledges - while he recognizes the major Judeo-Christian "prophets". In a discussion with White, [Qadhi states](#) that Islam is essentially the same as Judaism and Christianity. "This in a nutshell is Islam: that there is but one God; this God is worthy of veneration and worship; and to be a good person you have to believe in Him, worship Him, follow the law, obey the commandments, and if you do so there will be a life after death and there is heaven or hell where there is accountability..."

Sounds nice. But it reflects a basic misunderstanding of Christianity that he can only get away with because unfortunately it has become a mainstream assumption about "Christianity" in our increasingly secular society. Christianity, unique in all religions, does not condition salvation on works. Christians believe you don't get to heaven by being "a good person," or obeying the commandments. Indeed, the whole point of Christianity is that *no one is good enough*, no one can earn his or her way to heaven, as the New Testament makes plain, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). Christians believe that was the entire point of Christ, who came to earth to intercede on our behalf. Christians believe that without Christ, we are *all* destined for Hell. We are *all* sinners. Christians are not saved by doing good works or being good. They are saved purely and solely by the grace of God alone through faith. As the Apostle Paul says, "And this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9).

And there is the key, "so that no one may boast." Any religion that justifies salvation through works *defies pride*. Not the pride of workmanship or accomplishment, but the pride of self. And that kind of pride is #1 on the list of the seven deadly sins. It elevates mankind for his works, and says, "We are better than you because of what we do." That kind of thinking justifies practically every form of evil on earth, from prejudice to genocide.

Christians don't come before God saying "look what I've done! Aren't you proud of me?" Christians come before God begging for mercy, because they believe, to a man, that we have sinned and fallen short. And while there may be individuals in history that justified violence on behalf of Christianity, nowhere does Christianity advocate it. Instead, it says we are to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31), and forgive others "seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:22). Christianity calls for *humility*, not self-righteous preening, and the good works Christians do are supposed to be out of gratitude to their Savior, and to honor Him, not as a way to curry favor with God.

Not so with Islam. It is all about works. Furthermore, according to Qadhi, Islam is *supreme*. In a [keynote speech](#) before the 2016 Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)-Muslim American Society (MAS) Convention, Qadhi described Moses' miracles - turning his staff into a snake and parting the Red Sea; he described how Jesus brought Lazarus back to life. (He did not discuss Jesus' resurrection however because [Muslims don't believe](#) Jesus is the Son of God, nor that he was ever resurrected - Note the irony: how can he claim to believe some miracles in the Bible are true, while the most important ones are not?) Qadhi says you would have had to live in those times to witness (and thus believe) those miracles - so maybe he doesn't actually believe in any of them.

But not so with the Koran, which he describes as "the greatest miracle" because it lives on to this day. The Koran is "the eternal miracle." No other miracle is needed in Islam, and Qadhi quotes Mohammad as saying that "the only miracle Allah has given me is the Koran." In other words, Islam is supreme. Furthermore, Islam *is* a religion of works. You *must believe*, or else. If you pray towards Mecca five times a day and follow all the other Muslim commandments, you are free to engage in all kinds of barbaric lunacy, from child rape to beheading, all in Allah's name. Not only does Islam tell you what works you must perform, it specifies the punishments you are allowed to mete out to those who don't follow the law.

When Evangelicals Become Useful Idiots for Islamism

By James Simpson

Our culture looks to be coming apart at the seams. The June 14 attack on the GOP Congressional Baseball team is only an exclamation point in an increasingly hostile, increasingly violent, [premeditated campaign](#) by Democrats and other leftists to create an atmosphere of ungovernable anarchy. The Christian church has not escaped this agenda. In fact it has become a major target. The Left, in concert with its allies among atheists, Islamists and the homosexual lobby, is engaged in a multi-front war to destroy what remains of our nation's Christian bedrock. One of the fronts in this war comes under the innocuous heading "[Interfaith Dialog](#)". It sounds so compelling: a mutually beneficial outreach for "differing faith traditions" to find common ground and join forces to mend the fractious divisions between Muslims, Christians, Jews, and for that matter, practically everyone else.

But that is not what is accomplished. As Robert Spencer [repeatedly argues](#), most Muslims want to live their lives like the rest of us. They want nothing to do with the radical jihadis, Islamic terrorism, or indeed much of the classical interpretations of Islam that classifies women and non-Muslims as second-class citizens. The problem is that while apologists reassure us that we have nothing to fear, those in the forefront of this battle, like the Council of American Islamic Relations (CAIR) and the hundreds of other Muslim Brotherhood front groups, are determined to use every tactic at their disposal to deconstruct our laws, our Constitution and our religious and secular institutions, to replace them with the Islamic version, Sharia law. As Spencer says, "They take advantage of our ignorance about Islam to mislead people into complacency about Islam."

And while the political side pushes for Muslim "rights", the violent side communicates its intentions with murder. Both seek destruction of Western society, they just use different methods. This is little different from, for example, the campaign of violence conducted for decades by the Irish Republican Army, and it's political arm Sinn Fein, which pushed for, and obtained, representation in Ireland's government. The [IRA/Sinn Fein](#) are communist, and these are the tactics communists have successfully pursued all over the world. The Islamists have adopted this strategy and now work with them. We call it the [Red-Green Axis](#).

Chris Gaubatz investigated CAIR undercover for six months while posing as an intern, and provided the raw material for his father's explosive book, [Muslim Mafia](#). He has also [testified](#) before the U.S. Congress regarding Islamic subversion tactics. Gaubatz [warns](#) about the interfaith dialog:

Their whole purpose with this [interfaith dialogue] narrative war is to shut the discussion down because if you can shut the discussion down...and distance Islam from any part of the problem, then the people that are charged with protecting citizens are always looking elsewhere for the problem...and the problem is, and always has, been rooted right in Islam and right in the Sharia, they're intertwined.

James White is a well-known conservative Christian evangelist who has been [seduced by the siren call](#) of the Interfaith Dialog, and has partnered with a Muslim Imam, Dr. Yasir Qadhi, to "educate" Americans on the Muslim religion. White finds their budding relationship "refreshing" and expounds on how much he has learned about Islam from his new-found friend. He calls Qadhi his "[mentor](#)" on aspects of Islam. He bristles at those who suggest he is being used, and instead has gone on offense, engaging his allies among Christian conservatives to attack his critics. And just as the "Never Trumpers" have created a war within the GOP, and assisted in Democrat efforts to make our nation ungovernable by vilifying and hobbling President Trump, so Christians like this have created new fissures in the Church that *will not* advance the Christian message, but rather further dilute and weaken it by allowing clever, articulate Muslims to explain why Islam is the ultimate religion.

Scripture tells us that *“all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose”* (Romans 8:28). This is a promise!! There are things in this world that aren't good, we would all agree. Upheavals of all sorts are experienced, from natural disasters to things we can somewhat control, such as sicknesses, job losses, marriage conflicts, divorces, rebellious children, abortions, just to name a few and if nothing else, cantankerous, grouchy and quarrelsome people who frequent our paths.

However there's more to life than all this negativity! It's necessary for us to change our perspective. It's imperative we see things from an eternal view, reminding ourselves there *is* a bigger picture!!

God wants His children to experience deep abiding joy, otherwise there wouldn't be so many mentions of it in His Word. The Holy Spirit resides within every one of us who claim the name of Christ. Focusing then, more and more on heavenly things, reading the Bible, memorizing Scripture, praying, and the like, will produce the peace that God gives that exceeds all human understanding (Phil. 4:7). This also would hold true then, for *joy* and the ability to ***“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again, I will say, Re-
joice!”***



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Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 PM
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