

# The Relative Truth

# Quid Est Veritas



## The Religion Of Peace And Love

By Bob Schaeffer

A few random tidbits from the Muslim Terrorist belief system...

Abraham, called Ibrahim in the Quran, was thrown into a fiery furnace by his own people for destroying the idols in his father's house. (Surah 37: 89-98)

Jesus Christ was not crucified, nor was he even killed. (Surah 4: 153-159) In the Quran Jesus denies His own divinity in a conversation with God. (Surah 5: 116-120)

Muslims cannot take Jews or Christians as friends or they will be "counted as one of them," (Surah 5: 51) and be cursed by God, who turned Jews "into apes and pigs." (Surah 5: 57-60)

Muslim Arabs are "the best nation which has ever been raised for the guidance of mankind." (Surah 3: 110)

Christians and Jews must be killed or forced to submit "wherever they are found" and "fighting has been made obligatory for you (Muslims)" whether you like it or not, because... "something which you do not like is good for you... Allah knows and you do not know" (Surah 2: 215-216).

The people of the Book (Jews and Christians) are "unclean" and cannot be permitted to exist on Muslim lands. (Surah 9: 28-29)

See anything there you might disagree with? If you do, both you and President Bush should read the entire book. It's only 114 chapters (Surahs), and there are many English translations around today. (My old copy from the Institute of Islamic Knowledge in Houston, TX, is both authentic and excellent.) You should read it to make a direct comparison with passages from the Bible to actually view how distorted the Islamic view of Christian and Jewish religious thought is. The President should read it; after all, he continues to

insist Islam is a religion of "peace and love."

There is a tendency in this P.C. society to shrink from actually saying what the evidence overwhelmingly supports. Islam is violent. It is not a tolerant faith that has been "hijacked by extremists."

Sure, I know, most Muslims are peaceful, non violent people. It's just a few poor, misguided, easily-led, uneducated fools who cause all the trouble... if only they hadn't been raised in such squalor and poverty, etc. The only trouble with that thesis is; it simply isn't true, not even a little bit. Most terrorists come from well-to-do families in the Arab world. Most of them are university educated - in fact a study of 462 suicide bombers reveals 90% are between the ages of 19 and 30 with university and even higher degrees - many from western countries. They tend to be strong personalities in their own right - hardly material for a master manipulator.

Two things stick out for me: they all object strenuously to the presence of westerners, including troops stationed in their "holy" home lands. It doesn't matter if America has recently saved their rear ends from disaster. We are unclean and detestable to Allah! And that infuriates these people to the degree they will forfeit their own lives to make their point. Furthermore, every Muslim terrorist can find powerful justification for his every action in the Holy Quran itself.

Perhaps all Muslims are not moved to that much passion, but any who want to feel justified in murder and mayhem can find it in their Book as easily as you or I. And believe me, they grow up memorizing these passages from early school ages.

Our great "friends" the Saudis require "religious" education throughout. A review of recent middle school textbooks reveals in one a collection of *Hadith* (sayings of the prophet) extolling the victory of Muslims over the Jews. The second book promised, "The last hour won't come until Muslims fight the Jews, and kill them."

I know all Muslims aren't violent, but very, very few will condemn the violence of their kind. Almost none speak out... their silence is condemnation enough. In America, the clerics in the Mosques encourage the terror because they are allowed to voice their hate in our free society without penalty. But we cannot be critical without being "bigots," "hate mongers," or "war mongers."

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## Uses Est Optimum Magister

By Patrick W. Weadon

Shortly after the attacks of 9/11 my Naval Reserve unit was called to active duty. It was a challenging time but I was lucky, I served for less than 12 months and ended up being assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency near D.C.

On one level my call to service proved to be a bit disruptive, my pay was cut in half and I did not get to see much of my family. On another level, however, I was proud to be part of the team that was carrying the fight to the enemy in Afghanistan. At the time, like most Americans, I fully supported our President in his efforts to destroy the terrorist elements in that country. Looking back I remember it as a period of impressive national unity.

I had hoped Mr. Bush would take advantage of that rare moment of unanimity to better fight the War on Terror. Instead he ignored the advice of General Brent Scowcroft who cautioned, "Any campaign against Iraq, whatever the strategy, cost and risks, is certain to divert us for some indefinite period from our war on terrorism." This has proven to be a major mistake.

Unlike Desert Storm, the current Iraq campaign, save for Great Britain, has garnered meager support from the international community, particularly from the Arab world. In Gulf War I America marshaled 540,000 troops who were joined by 118,000 troops from Saudi Arabia, 40,000 from Egypt, 11,000 from Kuwait, 25,500 from Oman, 7,000 from Pakistan, 40,000 from the U.A.E. and 17,000 from Syria! In addition, Daddy Bush got Japan and the House of Saud to foot much of the bill.

Today's effort in Iraq dims in comparison. Some delusional types will point to the 30-nation "coalition," but even a casual ob-

server understands most of the countries that really matter have stayed away. Perhaps, like the Vietnam era, they once again sense that Uncle Sam has stumbled into a dangerous patch of hegemonic quick sand.

As the book *Churchill's Folly: How Winston Churchill Created Modern Iraq* makes all too clear; Iraq has never really been a "nation." Rather, it is and has been an odd collection of Kurds, Sunni and Shiite Muslims, all of whom have their own agendas. The reality is even if we are able to train large numbers of Iraqis, in the end they will likely opt to fight for their tribe or sect rather than their "country."

I am an admirer of Winston Churchill, but every day it becomes more apparent his effort to create a Middle East state out of thin air has produced a situation that can only end in disaster.

Recently Dexter Filkins of the New York Times appeared on NBC's *Meet the Press* to report on his recent trip to Iraq. He commented on what one has to go through simply to drive to the airport.

MR. RUSSERT: "There is a road, a highway from the airport to downtown Baghdad that's called the Road of Death by many. I understand there's a taxi service on that road from downtown to the airport."

MR. FILKINS: "Yeah. There's actually a company... they've got an armored car and some guards and they charge \$35,000 for..."

MR. RUSSERT: "Thirty-five thousand dollars?"

MR. FILKINS: "...for a ride to the airport."

MR. RUSSERT: "How far is it? Six miles?"

MR. RUSSERT: "Why have we been unable - or the Iraqis unable - to protect that road, that stretch?"

MR. FILKINS: "That's a real mystery. It's a really bad neighborhood it goes through, you know, they'd have to occupy six miles of road 24 hours of day, and I think in the dead of night, people come out to stage attacks."

We need to be honest with ourselves, if we can't restore order on the six miles of road from downtown Baghdad to the airport, how can we seriously think we have the ability to secure the rest of the country. It is time for a calculated but precise withdrawal.

I know, some misguided patriots will protest claiming that America cannot cut and run from Iraq and hope to win the War on  
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