



The Bassinet and the Ballot: Islam's Cultural Invasion of the West

A crescent moon is rising in the West for the 3rd time in the history of Western Civilization. Hilary Belloc first recognized the cultural and political danger of Islam in his 1937 book *The Crusades: The World's Debate*. At that time the European colonial powers had more to fear from Fascism and Nazism than anything in the Islamic world.

THE 3RD INVASION

Belloc was more of a prophet than he could have imagined. Islam is now in the midst of its 3rd invasion of the West. This one is subtler than either that of Muhammad in 632 and the Turks in the 13th century. Islam's imperial expansion into the West was astonishing. Within 100 years of Muhammad's death, Muslim armies had conquered the Christian provinces of Syria, Palestine, Egypt and the rest of North Africa, as well as Spain, Portugal and southern Italy. They were finally stopped by Charles Martel at Poitiers (Tours), in central France in 732 AD. It still took over 700 years for the Spanish to get their country back during the *Reconquista*.

In 1453 the Turks, a central Asian people who had been converted to Islam, captured Constantinople, the center of the Eastern Orthodox Church. After they occupied Greece and much of the Balkans, they knocked on the gates of Vienna, which was only saved by the heroics of the Poles in the 17th century. Had it not been for the heroics at Tours and Vienna, most of Europe would be speaking Arabic.

In the 21st century, Europe has such glaring internal weaknesses that Islam's third invasion might be successful without a shot being fired. Its political mainstream still believes that Islam can be accommodated by some vacant notion of "European values," which has no greater depth than a steady diet of cokes, Big Macs and MTV. They also fail to understand that, according to Serge Trifkovic's 2002 book, *THE SWORD AND THE PROPHET*, the Islamic Movement is *an organized struggle to change the existing society into an Islamic society, based on the Qur'an and the Sunna...*

The problem is that the West stands for nothing more than material progress. Its long tradition of spirituality seems to have vaporized in the evening mist after a century of world war and

communist occupation. Europe is a spiritual wasteland just beckoning for Islam to fill its empty feeling.

THE MOTHER OF ALL POLITICS

Islam has not fooled everyone one in the West. Writers from both sides of the political spectrum have been warning of this pending calamity for years. Conservative Pat Buchanan was one of the first to raise the red flag of danger in his book *THE DEATH OF THE WEST: HOW DYING POPULATIONS AND IMMIGRANT INVASIONS IMPERIL OUR COUNTRY AND OUR CIVILIZATION*. In the September 10th issue of *THE AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE*, James Pinkerton catalogued a short list of written warnings that included Melanie Phillips' *LONDONISTAN*, Bruce Bawer's *WHILE EUROPE SLEPT: HOW RADICAL ISLAM IS DESTROYING THE WEST FROM WITHIN* and Mark Steyn's *AMERICA ALONE: THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT*.

There have been many causes of this "death." The most prominent has been that since WW II European culture has descended into an "atheistic secularism" that has virtually eliminated God from its cultural banquet table. The West's adoption of gay and reproductive rights, supported by a politically correct government, replete with its "cradle to grave" socialistic entitlements, has left Europe without a recognizable soul.

Europeans have also lost their desire to leave their civilization to their offspring. Buchanan reminds the West that the Islamic world has retained something vital for the future that the West has discarded and that is *the desire to have children and the will to carry on their civilization, cultures, families, and faith*. Europeans have sacrificed the birth of their next generation at the altar of material and sexual pursuits.

Muslims believe that demography is the "mother of all politics." Large families are the "political weapon" of Islam that is likely to make it the continent's dominant religion in the next generation. In Europe, where the replacement rate is 2.1 children per woman, birth rates have plunged. Ireland leads the pack with 1.99 while French women have 1.90, Swedes, 1.75, the UK at 1.74, Germany at 1.37, and surprisingly the Italians, the seat of the Vatican, at 1.33. The European Union average is only 1.38, while the US stands at

2.11. Contrast these with Pakistan's 5.08 and Saudi Arabia's 4.53.

In his 2006 book, *AMERICA ALONE*, columnist Mark Steyn wrote that modern feminists and their "right to choose" have insured that *European women will end their days in a culture that doesn't accord them the right to choose anything*. This is the sentiment of Algerian president, Houari Boumediene, who predicted in 1974 *Victory will come to us from the wombs of our women*.

Should demographic and political trends continue, by the end of this century Europe will no longer exist as the world knows it. Europe's socialist governments have been feverishly implementing laws to destroy marriage and the family, just as Italian Communist Antonio Gramsci hoped they would 75 years ago. White flight and a declining native population will also allow Muslims to gain political control of many of Europe's most traditional cities. They will have accomplished this historic invasion, not through bullets and bombs, but with the bassinet and the ballot.

A 5TH COLUMN FOR JIHAD

Europeans are starting to awaken to the dangers that confront Western Civilization. Mark Steyn pointed out that *Since 9/11 Europe has seen the London Tube bombings, the French riots, and the Dutch murders of nationalist politicians*. They have finally become aware that Islam has provided the cover for a dangerous 5th column for jihad. Even the European left is now asking whether once sacrosanct values of tolerance and multiculturalism should have limits.

They recognize that continuous immigration and the failure of Muslim assimilation are the continent's most pressing political challenges in the 21st century. They now realize that Muslims don't emigrate with any intention of social integration. Many Europeans also realize that multicultural dogmatism has opened the gates for a foreign religion, which historically has been a grave threat to Europe, to undermine and "convert" to a dogmatism far more restrictive than Christianity ever was. Europeans are beginning to get the message that when Islam gains political power, the human rights of Europeans will be distinctly limited.

It is not a given that traditional Europeans will fight to maintain, or regain, the rights that their ancestors secured for them. Americans can only hope and pray that they will summon the courage to reject Islamic cultural imperialism by all the power and force at their disposal. Democracy without protection of human and minority rights is mob-rule, and unworthy of respect.

A CULTURAL DIALOGUE

The Catholic Church, which has endured a long and controversial history with Islam, has not been immune to this cultural invasion. In an honest attempt to transcend a history that included the Crusades, Belloc's warnings and Dante's consignment of Muslims to the "schismatics" corner in his "Eighth Circle of Hell," Pope Benedict XVI has made several ecumenical overtures to Muslims around the world. He has been effusive with his praise of Islam, saying that the Church regarded *with esteem . . . the Muslims*,

because *they adore the one God...merciful and all-powerful... Creator of Heaven and earth*.

Benedict is the first Pope to have developed an active theological policy toward Islam. According to Daniel Madigan, a prominent Vatican adviser on Christian-Muslim relations, the Pope has also been *laying down challenges to Islam*, telling Muslims, *We need to do some hard talking* on the subject of terrorism and the political and moral instability it holds for the world.

Unfortunately, the Pope's relationship with Islam will always revert to his statement to a group of theologians at Regensburg University in September of 2006. In an honest attempt to open up a "dialogue of cultures" with Islam, Benedict cited a question posed by the Byzantine Emperor Manuel II in a 1391 dialogue with a "Persian guest." The emperor asked the Persian to *show me just what Muhammad brought that was new and there you will find things only bad and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached*. Emperor Manuel was arguing against the Muslim practice of "forced conversion," saying *God is not pleased by blood, and not acting reasonably is contrary to God's nature*.

The Pope had hoped to distinguish between the Christian view that *not acting reasonably is contrary to God's nature* with the an Islamic view that God transcends concepts such as rationality, and His will is not constrained by any principle, including rationality. The Pope made it perfectly clear that those were the Emperor's words and not his own. Nothing could have prepared him for the Muslim reaction to his speech.

A GREEN FLAG OVER THE VATICAN

In less than 24 hours, riots and protests had broken out across the Muslim world. Before the issue died down, Benedict had been burned in effigy in Basra, an Anglican church and a Greek Orthodox Church had been fire bombed in Nablus and in Mogadishu an Italian nun was shot down in front of the children's hospital where she worked. In Europe, young Muslims took to the streets, calling for the Pope's death and waving placards that said, *Islam will conquer Rome and Jesus is the slave of Allah*.

The Pope offered his "sincere regrets" for offending Muslims with his reference to an obscure medieval text that characterizes some of the teachings of Islam's founder as "evil and inhuman." But his statement stopped short of the apology demanded by Islamic leaders, and hostility among Muslims intensified. Palestinians attacked five churches in the West Bank and Gaza, and an Iraqi insurgent group threatened the Vatican with a suicide attack. Sheikh Abu Saqer, the head of the Salafiya Jihadiya movement in Gaza, called angrily for the conquest and conversion of Rome: *This is a crusader war against Islam, and it is our holy duty to fight all those who support the Pope . . . The green flag of Allah and Muhammad will be raised over the Vatican*.

A FALLING CAMEL

The American focus has been largely on the "cultural invasion" of its Southwestern border from Mexico. The threat from Islam is

far more serious for the nation's future than the "border issue." Muslims see the West as spiritually weak as epitomized by the United States, evoking the words of the Arab proverb which states that the *Falling Camel attracts many knives*.

In a 2007 article for TRUTH IN CRISIS, Dr. Anis Shorrosh, a member of the Oxford Society of Scholars, elaborated the detailed plan for Islam's "Reconquista" of the United States, which he says has been around for over 20 years. The plan is loaded with cultural knives that are all aimed at the American people. As with America's other protected minorities, this multi-tiered plan includes invoking "hate crime" claims every time criticism is directed at the Muslim community. They intend to wage "a war of words," using black leaders like Louis Farrakhan, Jesse Jackson and other religious personalities to promote Islam as the "original" African-American religion over the "white man's Christianity." They plan to engage the American public in discussions and debates in universities, churches and mosques on the virtues of Islam, linking it historically with Judaism and Christianity. There are already slick videos and Blogs in English on the Internet, selling anti-American hatred.

Their mosques, which are now in all the major cities of the West, have become recruitment centers for jihad. They also serve as charity drops, reaping millions of dollars for subversive activities against the American people. The plan encourages Muslims to run for public offices, especially Congress where they can serve as protectors of the faith. They advise Muslims to dominate the medical field, research and pharmaceutical companies. They will provide monetary grants for Muslims to colleges and universities in America for Islamic Studies Centers with Muslim directors for the promotion and defense of Islam. They have already introduced Islam to America's prisons where the high percentage of inmates have begun to create a religious underclass that will demand Islamic Sharia instead of the American justice system.

A HOLY LEAGUE

The irony of this problem is that the "social reformers" who have chased God and innocence from the culture, replacing it with a sewer of evil from the "Great Satan" are largely responsible for inciting the new hatred of the West. Due to its greed and naiveté to expand its global markets through democracy, the West has created the situation where it does not have the labor force to run its

economies. This has led to the unrestricted legal and illegal immigration of a diversity of peoples with little stake in Western culture. Global capitalism has been the poison the West has ingested to kill its own heritage. Historian Arnold Toynbee wrote in his *A STUDY OF HISTORY, Civilizations die from suicide, not murder*.

This raises the question of a viable antidote. Can the West come up with a realistic survival policy that will protect it from Islam's relentless cultural assault? Can it find the threads of unity that will defend its once rich heritage from the Coliseum to the Ural Mountains? Americans and Europeans alike must understand that their world has been turned upside down by an onslaught of 100 years of Darwin, Marx and Freud. The time is ripe to recapture the culture in the face of Muslim cultural imperialism.

The West needs leadership of the quality of Charles Martel, the King of the Franks who stopped the Muslims dead in their tracks in 732 or the Holy League which assembled off what is now the Gulf of Corinth for the naval battle of Lepanto and which halted the Turkish invasion in 1571. Western countries must assert their national instincts in the face of the threats of globalists in the European Union, the North American Union and the secretive "new world order."

The West must look to India, China, Russia and Africa who are also on Islam's radar screen. They must pressure Arab countries to police their own people and destroy terrorist bases on their soil or suffer the disdain and even military action of a united world. Most importantly the West must reaffirm its Christian values that provided 500 years of religious freedom and the scientific and technological achievements beyond the wildest dreams of the inhabitants of the 15th century. If its leaders fail, Western Civilization will join Babylon, Persia and Rome in history's trash bin.



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LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

It is encouraging to note the quantity and quality of movies being produced with Christian and moral themes. One of these is “Bella”, an award-winning film with a message of faith that crosses denominational boundaries. It speaks to the heartbreak of abortion and unconditional love which allows a woman in crisis to make life-affirming choices for herself and her child. This movie deserves our support and promotion.

Another good movie is “The Ten Commandments,” a computer-generated animated version of the biblical account of Moses and the Exodus. Children could learn and enjoy this straightforward telling of a classic story.

On the other hand, many films continue to be made that are virulently anti-Christian. One such film is “The Golden Compass,” based on one of a trilogy of books by noted English atheist Philip Pullman entitled “His Dark Materials.” While Roman Catholicism is the evil force in Pullman’s writings, his goal is to put a positive face on atheism and getting children to accept his message. This movie is scheduled for release during the Christmas season. The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights warns that unsuspecting parents may take their children to see “The Golden Compass” and then buy the books for them as a Christmas present. The League has launched a major campaign to alert the public to this serious assault on Christianity (www.catholicleague.org).

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Washington advised Americans to set aside a day of public Thanksgiving to God for the great favors He has bestowed on our nation. On October 3, 1789, Washington proclaimed the first Thanksgiving Day—the first of a long series of presidential orders that have remained part of American life down to the present.

I do recommend that on that day they cease from their ordinary occupations and gather in their several places of worship or in their homes, devoutly to give thanks unto Almighty God for the benefits he has conferred upon us as individuals and as a nation, and to beseech Him that in the future His Divine favor may be continued to us.

Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States November 1, 1904, in a Proclamation of a National Day of Thanksgiving

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NOVEMBER IS A MONTH WHEN WE HONOR OUR VETERANS, but... On September 27th, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs issued a ban on the time-honored tradition of the Flag Folding Ceremony at veterans’ funerals. In this ceremony each of the 13 folds (resulting in the final triangular shape) has a meaning, some pertaining to eternal life, country, family, loyalty and belief in God. Veteran groups and many others are outraged over this censorship and are demanding that the V.A. rescind this ban.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE POOR SOULS.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

ST. PAUL, Phil. 04:7

“May the peace of God which passes all understanding guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Amen