

OBAMA: AMERICA NOT CHRISTIAN – BUT ISLAM SHAPED IT FOR THE BETTER

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The we-do-not-consider-ourselves-a-Christian-nation line in Obama's speech to the Turkish parliament reminds me of an old joke: The Lone Ranger and Tonto are surrounded by hostile Indians. The masked man turns to his faithful companion and asks: "What are we going to do now, Tonto?" His sidekick replies: "What you mean *we*, pale face?"

Like others on the left, Obama has an unfortunate habit of projecting his delusions onto the American people.

He was in Turkey as part of his America-sucks tour, during which he pandered shamelessly to Euro Anti-Americanism. ("We've been arrogant and we promise not to torture terrorists ever again and to always listen to the 'allies' who almost lost two World Wars the Cold War. And, have I said how sorry I am for Wounded Knee in the last 15 seconds?")

In the overwhelmingly Muslim country, Barack *Hussein* Obama, as he was introduced (now that the election's over, it's okay to use his middle name), declared the concept of "Christian America" a myth.

Obama: "Although, as I mentioned, we have a very large Christian population (*yeah, try 75-80%*), we do not consider ourselves a Christian nation or a Jewish nation or a Muslim nation."

Really? But didn't the Mayflower Compact proclaim the Pilgrims' intension to establish their colony for "the advancement of the Muslim faith." And what about "In Allah We Trust" on our coinage and currency, not to mention what's been called our second national anthem, "Allah Bless America"?

Seriously, if the "we" who don't consider ourselves a Christian nation refers to the ACLU, Americans United for Separation of Church and State and the editorial board of *The New York Times*, Obama is on target.

On the other hand, if he means the nation at large, he's had some bad weed.

An April 3 Newsweek poll showed 62% of us do consider America "a Christian nation." But for those like our president, the nation's mood is determined not by the majority, but by the cultural elite – individuals who, by education and refinement, are entitled to shape the national consciousness for the rest of us.

Due to ignorance or willful blindness, throughout our history, most Americans, including our leaders, didn't understand that we are a secular republic – one nation under Rousseau, Darwin and the Humanist Manifesto (I and II).

Patrick Henry remarked: “It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religions, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

The Constitution is dated “in the year of our Lord, 1787,” in reference not to Allah, Krishna or Buddha, but to Jesus. Supreme Court Associate Justice Joseph Story, in his 1833 treatise on the Constitution, observed that the Founding Fathers believed “that Christianity ought to receive encouragement from the state.”

In the 1931 case of *U.S. v Macintosh* (decided before the federal judiciary began to deconstruct the First Amendment), the Supreme Court declared, “We are a Christian people.”

Every President of the United States, including B. Hussein Obama, took an oath to uphold the Constitution on a Bible. In every case save one, it was the King James Version.

Speaking of Obama's predecessors – clearly less enlightened and worldly than the Messiah-in-Chief and probably in thrall to the religious right – their opinion is unanimous:

George Washington: “It is impossible to govern rightly without God and the Bible.” By the Bible, the Father of our Country was not referring to the Koran or the Bhagavad Gita.

John Adams: “The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were...the general principle of Christianity.”

John Quincy Adams: “The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: It connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.”

Andrew Jackson: “The Bible is the rock upon which our Republic rests” – again, in reference to the Christian Bible, not the Lotus Sutra.

Abraham Lincoln: “Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity, and a firm reliance on Him who has never yet forsaken this favored land are still competent to adjust, in the best way, all our present difficulty.” The “present difficulty,” which Lincoln believed Christianity would resolve favorably, was a civil war in which more than 600,000 Americans died.

Before the McGovernite takeover of the Democratic Party (now under the direction of George Soros), the presidents of Obama's party also sang in the Christian-America choir.

Woodrow Wilson: "America was born a Christian nation. America was born to exemplify the devotion to the elements of righteousness which are derived from the revelation of Holy Scripture."

Franklin D. Roosevelt, speaking of World War II: "Today, the whole world is divided, divided between human slavery and human freedom – between pagan brutality and the Christian ideal."

Harry S. Truman, writing to Pope Pius XII: "This is a Christian nation. ... It is not without significance that the valiant pioneers who left Europe to establish settlements here, at the very beginning of their colonial enterprise, declared their faith in the Christian religion and made ample provision for its practice and support."

John F. Kennedy, in the midst of the Cold War: "And yet the same revolutionary belief for which our forbearers fought is still at issue around the globe, the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."

Thomas Jefferson said something strikingly similar: "Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we remove their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God."

Still, the Great Community Organizer can blithely proclaim that America is no more a Christian nation than it is a Moslem nation.

In a 2007 speech, Obama qualified this opinion --"Whatever we once were, we're no longer a Christian nation."

The president thereby allowed for the possibility that America once was a Christian nation, but is no longer. But when did Christianity's dominance over American life end – with the Supreme Court's 1962 school-prayer decision, its 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision or Bill Clinton staining an intern's dress with his bodily fluids, circa 1975?

While insisting that "we" do not consider America a Christian nation, Obama got mushy over the religion of peace. "We will convey our deep appreciation for the Islamic faith, which has done so much over so many centuries to shape the world for the better, including my own country."

Besides being loopy, Obama's declaration was conveniently vague.

Shape the world for the better? How? By spreading its creed by the sword? By establishing the concept of dhimmitude – that unbelievers must either convert to Islam or submit to Islamic rule? By turning women into chattel? By subjugating the Balkans,

Greece, most of Spain and parts of Eastern Europe for hundreds of years? By the destruction of Constantinople and Byzantium, the Eastern Roman empire, expunging the glories of a millennium? By fostering the bloody fanaticism of Shiitism and Wahabism, and monopolizing international terrorism since at least the 1970s?

Islam has shaped America for the better? At least Obama didn't say "had a profound impact" – like an airliner colliding with a tall building.

It's hard to imagine a religion which has done less to mold America than Islam, including Zoroastrianism and Scientology. Many of the principles on which America was founded, or came to represent – religious tolerance, democracy, liberty and equality – are abhorrent to traditional Islam.

In a Washington Post/U.S. News Poll (March 26-29), while a majority approved of Obama's outreach to the Muslim world, 48% confessed to having an unfavorable view of Islam, the highest percentage since 9/11.

In the same survey, 55% said they lacked a basic understanding of the religion of peace.

Knowledge will breed contempt. As the Muslim population of the United States (now estimated to be around 1 million) grows, Americans increasingly will encounter the rich religious/cultural heritage the followers of Mohammed are bringing to these shores – like honor killings.

Last year, in the Atlanta suburb of Jonesboro, a Pakistani immigrant strangled his 25-year-old daughter with a bungee chord, for trying to escape an arranged marriage.

On New Year' Day, 2008, the bullet-riddled bodies of Sarah and Amina Said (ages 17 and 19) were found in an abandoned taxi. Their father, Egyptian immigrant Yaser Abdel Said, was arrested for the murders. Said had reportedly threatened to kill his daughters for having boyfriends. The hussies!

Muzzammil Hassan, of the Buffalo-area, was the very model of a modern, moderate Muslim. In 2004, Hassan founded Bridges TV to counteract negative images of Islam and showcase the many stories of "Muslim tolerance, progress, diversity, service and excellence." Stop, you're killing me! – an unfortunate turn of phrase when discussing Islam.

Hassan was such a credit to his faith that, in April 2007, he received the first annual excellence-for-pulling-the-wool-over-the-infidels'-eyes award of the Pennsylvania chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations, some of whose leaders have been tied to terrorism. Pennsylvania Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell was present and Congressman Joseph Stestak the guest speaker.

On February 12, 2009, the paradigm of moderate Islam was arrested and charged with decapitating his wife, who claimed he was physically and emotionally abusive, and was in the process of divorcing him. The motto of Bridges TV is: "Connecting people through understanding" – ironic, in that Aasiya Hassan's head is no longer connected to her body.

According to The Female Genital Cutting Education and Networking Project, genital mutilation -- practiced in some Muslim societies to keep women submissive by making it impossible for them to experience sexual pleasure -- has arrived in the U.S.

In November 2006, Khalid Adem, an Ethiopian living in Atlanta, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for cutting off the clitoris of his two-year-old daughter.

In a video posted on YouTube -- taken covertly at a mosque in Nashville Tennessee -- a 7-year-old tearfully tells how girls are beaten during shariah class. The child also speaks of her "husband." The mainstream media cares about allegations of physical and sexual abuse only when the Catholic Church is involved.

Pedophilia and child-abuse aren't the only quaint customs practiced in Muslim houses of worship.

Of the more than 2,300 mosques and Islamic schools in America, over 80% of those constructed in the last 20 years were built with Saudi money, which also financed the 9/11 terrorists.

The Center for Security Policy sent Arabic-speaking operatives around to over 100 of these institutions. It found 3 out of 4 infected with extremism and preaching hatred of America, Jews and Christians.

Thus is Islam shaping America for the better – bang-bang, swoosh, smack.

If we aren't a Christian nation, what are we? Obama told the Turks, "We consider ourselves nation of citizens who are bound by ideals and a set of values."

Values aren't free-floating. They must have a point of origin.

Throughout our history, most Americans were never in doubt about the origins of our national ethos – Sinai, Jerusalem, The Ten Commandments, The Sermon on the Mount, The Torah, The New Testament – collectively known as our Judeo-Christian heritage .

For the secular left, which now occupies the White House, America's heritage is found not in the Bible, the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution (in its original sense), but in secular humanism, collectivism and multiculturalism – values based not on timeless standards but on prevailing cultural norms, as determined by a political/media/academic elite.

Obama doesn't want us to consider ourselves a Christian nation because the Judeo-Christian ethic conflicts with his worldview.

Whatever Joel Osteen and Rick Warren tell us (Pastor Ken Hutcherson calls them "evan-jellyfish"), Obama is not a Christian – unless you consider the hate-filled ravings of his former pastor, at the church he attended for 19 years, to be Christianity.

Christian America does not condone civil unions or same-sex marriage. (It does not regard as equal all sexual acts.) Obama's America does.

Judeo-Christian America believes in the defense of innocent human life – including the most defenseless, the unborn. Obama's America does not – witness the reputation he's acquiring as the most pro-abortion president in U.S. history, and his votes against anti-infanticide bills as a member of the Illinois Senate.

Christian America believes in limited government. It does not mistake government for God. Obama's America believes there's nothing the state can't do, no power the state shouldn't have and no limitations on its power to tax, spend and control.

Christian America understands the Biblical mandate to support Israel.

Obama's America views the Palestinians (anti-Semitic, anti-American, bloodthirsty, exalting jihad) as the moral equivalent of the Israelis (democratic, pro-American, governed by the rule of law). Obama's fantasy of Israel and Palestine living "side by side in peace and security," is either delusional or a euphemism for a temporary settlement which will lead to the demise of the Jewish state.

Like Lincoln's proverbial house divided, these two America's can't coexist forever. During his presidency, Obama means to bury Christian America, with an imam presiding at the memorial service.

I can hardly wait for the president's next magical mystery tour. As former House Speaker Joe Cannon is reputed to have said of a colleague, "Every time the man opens his mouth, he subtracts from the sum total of human knowledge."

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