



Thomas Jefferson: Christianity and Islam

Dear Friend in Jesus! Some American Muslims are trying to use the Founding Fathers of the United States in order to suit their purpose. For example, Hassan Shibly, the executive director of CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations) for South and Central Florida, was asked by a local TV newscaster about the statistic concerning 50% of Americans not trusting Islam, Muslims and their Islamic law system. Hassan replied, “They [Americans] will be shocked to really realize that if you study for example Thomas Jefferson – where did he get the idea of freedom of religion? They [He] did not get it from Europe. He got it from the Qur’an which was in his library and from the Muslim tradition [Sunna] which has the values of freedom of religion, freedom of speech. That’s where, you know, we got many of our principles as American citizens. People are shocked to hear that.” (http://www.cairflorida.org/blog/cairs_hassan_shibly_on_muslims_in_america_post911.html)

“Of all the systems of morality, ancient or modern, which have come under my observation, none appear to me so pure as that of Jesus.”

– Thomas Jefferson, letter to William Canby (September 18, 1813)

Hassan Shibly and other Muslims are sadly trying to re-write American history. Thomas Jefferson did own a Qur’an, but he owned books on mythology as well (which he also had in the religious section of his library). Do Muslims also say that Jefferson’s books on mythology influenced him? Jefferson, by the way, did not show favoritism to Islam but rather proclaimed the following to Elbridge Garry in 1799: “I am for freedom of religion, & against all maneuvers to bring about a legal ascendancy of one sect over another.”

“But I am in hopes their good sense will dictate to them, that since the mountain will not come to them, they had better go to the mountain: that they will find their interest in acquiescing in the liberty and science of their country, and that the Christian religion, when divested of the rags in which they have enveloped it, and brought to the original purity and simplicity of its benevolent institutor, is a religion of all others most friendly to liberty, science, and the freest expansion of the human mind.”

– Thomas Jefferson, to Moses Robinson, 1801

Thomas Jefferson believed in freedom of all religions, which is contrary to the Qur’an. While some people point to the no compulsion in religion verse in the Qur’an, they do not include the warning of “the fire” (hell) for “those who reject faith” in the following verse (Sura 2:256-257 Yusuf Ali). We find that the Qur’an does not teach freedom of religion, but rather advocates Islam over all religion (Sura 3:85; 9:33 Yusuf Ali). It has many passages that teach Muslims to wage wars against non-Muslims (Unbelievers) including Sura 8:38-39, 9:5, and 9:29-30. Thus, the claim that the idea of freedom of religion, practice and freedom of speech come from the Qur’an is a very farfetched idea.

In Thomas Jefferson’s day, Muslim pirates along the coast of Africa had long been a problem to European ships. American ships encountered them too. In their letter to John Jay, 28 March 1786, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams stated, “We took the liberty to make some enquiries concerning the ground of their pretensions to make war upon nations who had done them no injury, and observed that we considered all mankind as our friends who had done us no wrong, nor had given us any provocation. The Ambassador [of Tripoli] answered us that it was founded on the Laws of their Prophet, that it was written in their Koran, that all nations who should not have acknowledged their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found, and to make slaves of all they could take as Prisoners, and that every Musselman [Muslim] who should be slain in battle was sure to go to Paradise.”

(freepages.misc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~argyll/From%20JOHN%20DAMS%20And%20THOMAS%20JEFFERSON.pdf)

For almost 2 decades the United States paid ‘ransom’ to these Muslim pirates so they would not attack US ships. When their demands for more money grew, Thomas Jefferson refused, which led to the Barbary war. Jefferson, by studying the Qur’anic injunctions, realized the irony of Islamic *Jihadism*. The memory of this conflict and allusion to the Barbary War (1805) is found in the words “...to the shores of Tripoli” mentioned in the Marine Corps Hymn.

So, no matter what some Muslim citizens of the USA may claim, the fact remains that Jefferson checked the Qur’an firsthand concerning the injunctions against Non-Muslims.

Dear Friends, we need to be vigilant, educated and equipped. We need to share the Gospel with others so that they know Jesus, as Jesus commanded us to make disciples for him (Matthew 28:18-20). It would be easy to make the excuses: “I don’t even know where to begin with Muslims. How am I supposed to share the Gospel with them?” But I believe that God wants us to take the initiative and learn how to reach Muslims and other unreached groups of people. We can help you. The “Go” in the Great Commission truly means “Go.” Jesus told us to be his witnesses in our own communities and to the ends of the earth. The mission field is not thousands of miles away any more. It is now on our doorsteps.

Prayer and praise points

- ❖ We thank God for brothers and sisters reaching Muslims with the Gospel.
- ❖ We praise Him for turning the hearts of many Muslims to Christ.
- ❖ Please pray for the Christians and other minorities in Iraq who are in danger from Muslims who strive to obey Sura 9:27-30 (to wage war against non-Muslims).
- ❖ For an awakening of the body of Christ in America to prioritize their time to get equipped to share Christ with Muslims before the Jihadists attack us.
- ❖ Please pray with us for
 - God’s Anointing: as we witness to Muslims and equip believers.
 - God’s Protection: Spiritual warfare becomes fierce against us when Muslims start listening to Jesus as the only source of Salvation.
 - God’s Provision: that the Lord will convict the hearts and minds of His people to come along us to meet the needs of this ministry.

The world is watching with horror as Islamic State jihadists in Iraq crucify Christians, behead children, and bury victims alive. When Christians flee ahead of their advance, the terrorists then steal their homes and businesses. They mark them with a red, painted U-shaped symbol with a dot above the center. This is the 25th letter of the Arabic character set (pronounced “noon”), equivalent to the Roman letter N. The letter stands for Nazarenes, a pejorative Arabic word ‘Nasara’ for Christians used also in the Qur’an.

As Jews were forced by Nazis to wear the Star of David, so the homes of Christians are being painted with an Arabic N.



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