

THE FINSBURY FIASCO: *How not to deal with the Muslim Menace*

What a tragic episode! Full heart-felt sympathy for the dead and injured among the Finsbury mosque worshippers is unreservedly offered. It was a deplorable incident and should be condemned appropriately.

Furthermore, how idiotic and counter-productive to use a jihadi-style method to attack Muslims! Darren Osborne, the Somerset-born 47-year-old father-of-four from Cardiff surprised everyone. Unknown to MI5, he was apparently no racist, and had no obvious connection with any far-Right organisation. There appears neither political nor religious motivation in the attack. So how can one explain his behaviour? One possibility is that this sensitive and caring father and neighbour 'snapped' in the wake of the terrorist attacks at Westminster, Manchester and London Bridge. Unlike the Muslim terrorists, he was probably motivated by 'fear' (the true meaning of 'islamophobia') rather than 'hate' as such. Doubtless millions of caring, worried people have been tempted to 'hit back'. Indeed, it is a miracle that the indigenous population of the UK has been so long-suffering in the face of Islamic hate crimes. That said, without in the least condoning the Finsbury attack, is it entirely unexpected?

The attack was exactly the kind of incident IS and others would welcome to boost sympathy for their cause. Providing a perfect excuse, it will doubtless fuel further violent atrocities. Muslims will milk the incident for all its worth. They shout 'islamophobia' and 'they hate us Muslims', as if no basis for fear of Muslims existed. With a massive degree of disproportion, they will cry 'we are victims of hate', forgetting (beside their own sectarian strife) the thousands upon thousands of victims of ongoing Islamic persecution in other parts of the world. Of such Christian-hating atrocities, they dare not say 'Not in my name' without calling the Qur'an into question.

While the BBC and the Left do their best to shield the Muslim community from blame, it cannot be denied that the Muslim religion itself is the root cause of the atrocities. Anyone who is familiar with Dr Robert Spencer's regular 'Jihad Watch' reports knows of the almost daily diet of Islamic butchery dished up by Muslims around the world. While our 'PC' liberal political and religious elite continue to chant the mantra 'Islam is peace', they are deluded in blaming Muslim atrocities on some 'twisted narrative' of Islam. This is the biggest lie in the daily torrent of nonsense the UK public is exposed to. In short, wherever there are Muslims, potential exists for perpetuating the kind of mayhem and misery this benighted 'hate-driven' ideology has been inflicting on the world for thirteen centuries.

Such a horrific and spine-chilling verdict is demanded ever since IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi declared in May 2015: "Islam was never a religion of peace. Islam is the religion of fighting. No one should believe that the war we are waging is the war of the Islamic State [IS]. It is the war of all Muslims, but the Islamic State is spearheading it. It is the war of Muslims against infidels. Oh Muslims, go to war everywhere." This is the purest expression of the vicious Prophet Muhammad's mission to turn the world into a global Caliphate.

So, Darren Osborne's futile gesture is no way to deal with the Muslim menace. When the last expression of sympathy for the Finsbury victims has

been heard, the threat of Islam remains. What then is to be done?

Rooting out jihadists and deporting them is the first obvious measure to be taken, plus a programme to promote the emigration of the entire Muslim community to States that share their values and objectives. Yes, a bizarre idea, but not without precedent (Spain 1492) or validity. While secularists will scream 'racism', it is nothing of the sort. It is about religion not race. Unlike the latter, religion is a matter of choice (despite Islam's inflexible concept of religious identity).

In conclusion, four further proposals must be made:

1. Reliable information must be made available to community, educational, church and political leaders about authentic Islam. The loveless concept of Allah; the inhuman bloody violence of the Qur'an and the Hadith against Jews, Christians and all infidels; Islam's appeal to the baser instincts of human nature; the degradation of women involving female circumcision and forced marriages; shari'a courts, halal food; honour killings; the killing of apostates, its socio-political tyranny and a fallaciously-promised erotic paradise for suicide bombers (murderers not martyrs); all these features must not be hidden. In responding to the growing threat, our lame Government is failing to face reality. The distinction between moderate and militant Islam misses the point that the religion itself is the source of the problem. Indeed, no other religion on earth can claim to match the violence of the Islamic agenda. Seemingly-benign Muslim communities will always be breeding grounds from which their more militant members can recruit jihadists.

2. With sensitive yet courageous compassion, Christians must use all proper means to evangelise Muslims. The Gospel of the Grace of God allows no ghettos. In the process, there must be no concessions to liberal as well as Muslim denials of the Deity and Grace of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and only Saviour of the world. In short, the case for the pure, life-transforming faith of biblical Christianity must be courageously made. On the religious education level, the RE component of the National Curriculum must 'put the record straight'. Teachers must stop pretending that Jesus and Muhammad are on a par and that the Holy Bible and the Holy Qur'an teach similarly-positive values. Without denying that too often Christians have failed to demonstrate the compassionate virtues of its Founder, the true character of Muhammad's programme and its devastating dictates must not be hidden from our children. Yes, the Christian Gospel forbids and condemns hatred and violence. The same cannot be said of the message of Muhammad. The children of UK schools must learn the difference between the mercy of the Sermon on the Mount and the hatred of the Hadith. The children of Muslim citizens must also be exposed to the purity of Christ and not the poison of Muhammad.

3. Regarding the violent jihadists, the Judeo-Christian commandment to 'love your neighbour' demands continuing military action overseas in the face of brutal aggression. It is not love to watch the helpless being slaughtered. If according to the Judeo-Christian Scriptures a pagan's use of the sword is valid (see Romans 13:4), is it less so for governments guided by Christian values? This is why it was right to wage war on Nazi Germany in WW2. For all the regrettable defects of the Crusades, such was the initial

reason for going to aid the Eastern Churches. This is not using the sword to promote one's faith, as in Islam. It is 'loving an afflicted neighbour'. It is 'hate' to do otherwise.

4. It is absolutely urgent to clarify the ultimate Christian perspective: there is NO SALVATION FOR MUSLIMS while they persist in the pursuit of Islam. Away from jihadist websites, there is widespread grief and disgust at the recent atrocities committed in the name of Islam. Indeed, can it be otherwise? Many who have little or no interest in the religious dimension to these horrors find Islamic culture pretty deplorable, even though the 'PC' secular-orientated elite in Church and State are evidently happy to tolerate and promote Islam in the interests of a multicultural fantasy and social cohesion.

That said, so-called Christian leaders in the UK are generally silent about the ultimate Christian perspective on a religion guilty of so much horror and heartbreak. After we've exhausted our criticisms about Islam's violence and socio-political agenda, the ultimate issue is being missed. Indeed, our preoccupation with secular issues drowns out the ultimate spiritual concerns at the heart of Christianity: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life' (Jn 3:16). Outside of Christ, there is no salvation. To pretend otherwise, or remain silent about this non-negotiable truth is cowardly treachery of the worst order.

Since the authentic Christian seeks to express God's compassion for the world, the greatest disservice we can render to Muslims is to permit them to imagine that their religion leads to salvation. Furthermore, suicide bombers who imagine paradise awaits them 'on the other side' are not martyrs but murderers bound for hell. Until their warped ideas change, atrocities will continue. However dreadful these events are, there's something even more fundamental. Yes, if any Muslim lives and dies in their religion, they will perish eternally. Since Muslims blaspheme the Lord Jesus Christ, denying His Deity and His sacrifice on the cross for the sins of mankind, they cut themselves off from any hope of salvation. There is no pardon for sinners who reject the only Saviour of the world. If Muslims persist in their unbelief, and their anti-Christian mosque worship, preferring their false prophet instead, they will end up in the endless torment of hell along with unrepentant Jews, Secularists and others. **THIS IS THE MESSAGE OF AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY.** So, in the midst of all the terrible events of recent days, for everyone – Muslim and non-Muslim alike – the authentic Christian message is clear: repent and believe while there's time.

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