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In this issue, Linda Kimball blows the trumpet against the gnostic materialist subversion of America, while Chris Schandavel tackles some of the common arguments used by the pro-death crowd to justify abortion. Joe Clarke rails against the blatantly anti-Israel bias of the world news media and socialist apparati, and Jamie Freeze urges conservatives and Republicans to stand firm on our principles, even if the Dems hurl the dreaded “R” word at us. Finally, Charles Welty’s *Ameristan* continues the gripping story of an Islamist conspiracy to undermine America using our own institutions against us.

You Shall Know the Truth, and the Truth Shall Make You Free

By Linda Kimball

The Founders based the whole foundation of America’s society on the basis of God’s revelation and revealed law. Revelation constitutes a definition of man and moral law that clearly distinguishes right from wrong, normal from abnormal, and natural from unnatural. This concept was not new to the Founders, for it was particularly emphasized in the Judeo-Christian structure of the English law, and no authority was more widely read and studied by the Founders than William Blackstone (1723-1780). It was Blackstone who in 1753 established classes at Oxford for the first law school. In 1765 his lectures on English law were published and as eagerly read and embraced in America as in England.

In his *Commentaries on the Laws of England*, Blackstone writes of the immutable principles impressed by the Creator upon all of His creation. He writes, “when the Supreme Being formed the universe, he organized it and then impressed certain principles upon that matter, from which it can never depart, and without which it would cease to be.” (*A Miracle That Changed the World: The 5000 Year Lear, Principles of Freedom 101*, Cleon Skousen, p.98)

When God formed men, He “impressed certain principles” upon them, the most obvious being the two sexes, male and female. “Sex” is defined by Noah Webster in his *American Dictionary of the English Language*, 1828, as “The distinction between male and female; or that property or character by which an animal is male or female.” In short, sex is “what men are,” and not “what men do.”

With regard to “what men do,” there are those acts that take place between husbands and wives that God says are “natural” and therefore good. Contrarily, there are those acts that God says are “unnatural” and therefore evil, for evil is the absence of good. Noah Webster uses the word “sodomy” to describe unnatural acts, which he says are crimes “against nature,” and “sodomite” to describe people who engage in crimes against nature.



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Tragically, the principled and morally ordered America of the Founders where family, morality, and the good were cherished is now dead. Out of the ashes of the old, dead order has arisen a flagrantly immoral, increasingly chaotic, barbaric criminal regime where the idea of crimes against nature is shouted down as intolerant, bigoted, hateful, and homophobic.

In upside-down barbarian America, Darwinism has replaced God, and immutable truth, norms, and standards have been banned. Consequently, “sex” is now what man does and “gender”- in evolutionary jargon - is what he is in a state of becoming. Hence “gayness,” we are told to believe, is some sort of third or fourth gender. By extension of this illogic, “gays” are entitled to civil rights which include “privacy,” marriage, lewd public parades in celebration of perversity, and having their “defining acts” taught to children by way of sex education and “gay” clubs like GLSEN.

Now, if we submit to the “gay” superstition, for that is what it is, what newly evolved “gay” gender will we be expected to accept next? Will the fourth and fifth “gay” genders be pederasty and pedophilia? More than likely. The evil, twisted logic will go something like this:

“Since “gays” are entitled to rights which include access to children, then “gays” whose tastes run to babies, toddlers, children, and young teens are also entitled to rights that include access to the objects of their lusts. And of course, they are likewise entitled to special protection to shield them from the bigotry, intolerance, and pedophobia of parents and all other haters. For if the acts practiced by the former “gay” genders must be tolerated and taught to children, then it is only fair that these rights and protections be extended to the newly evolved “gay” genders. Not to do so, goes this evil, eminently twisted reasoning, is intolerant, discriminatory, bigoted, hateful, and pedophobic.”

How did it happen that the America of our Founders has fallen into this repulsive state of depravity, pathological lying, unbridled lust, power-grabbing, and endemic moral imbecility? The fall in this case was purposely planned and systematically and insidiously executed very slowly over time by God-hating Gnostic Progressives and their allies, some of whom are on the “positivist Right”. It was during Progressive Fascist

Woodrow Wilson’s regime that God and immutability were secretly replaced by Darwinism and “change,” which had the “magical” effect of bringing our Constitution to “life.” From that time forward, our Constitution has been spoken of by Gnostics as “living, breathing, and evolving.” Americans for the most part, have swallowed this egregious superstition whole.

The most triumphant coup however, occurred when Darwinism was brought into our schools. From that time forward, Americans would be taught that belief in God is a sign of scientific illiteracy and superstition while belief in Gnostic Darwinism is the exact opposite - a sign of scientific literacy and enlightenment. Again, Americans would wholly swallow yet another Gnostic superstition, the Darwinian anti-creation account. And do modern Gnostics truly believe in it? No, read for yourself their confessions:

“I do not want to believe in God,” Wald admitted to Scientific American magazine. “Therefore I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible, spontaneous generation arising to evolution.” (“Why Academics Embrace Evolution,” Marylou Barry, WorldNetDaily, 2/12/09).

Sir Julian Huxley, the late president of UNESCO and grandson of Darwin’s colleague Thomas Huxley, put an even finer point on the argument:

“I suppose the reason we leaped at the origin of species was because the idea of God interfered with our sexual mores,” he wrote.

“We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom,” concurred his brother, the late author Aldous Huxley.

“I want atheism to be true,” New York University philosophy professor Thomas Nagel elaborated, “and am made uneasy by the fact that some of the most intelligent and well-informed people I know are religious believers. It isn’t just that I don’t believe in God and, naturally, hope that I’m right in my belief. It’s that I hope there is not God! I don’t want there to be a God; I don’t want the universe to be like that.” (Barry, op. cit.)

How ironic that Charles Darwin, after a lifetime of turning the scientific world on its head,

began in later years to question his own conclusions.

“Often a cold shudder has run through me,” Darwin wrote in a letter to his friend and colleague Charles Lyell, “and I have asked myself whether I may have not devoted myself to a phantasy.”

Physicist and mathematics professor at Oregon State University, Dr. Wolfgang Smith, propounds on Gnostic Darwinism:

*“As a scientific theory, Darwinism would have been jettisoned long ago. The point, however, is that the doctrine of evolution has swept the world, not on the strength of its scientific merits, but precisely in its capacity as a Gnostic myth. It affirms, in effect, that living beings create themselves, which is in essence a metaphysical claim. Thus, in the final analysis, evolutionism is in truth a metaphysical doctrine decked out in scientific garb. In other words, it is a scientific myth. And the myth is Gnostic, because it implicitly denies the transcendent origin of being; for indeed, only after the living creature has been speculatively reduced to an aggregate of particles does Darwinist transformism become conceivable. Darwinism, therefore, continues the ancient Gnostic practice of depreciating “God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.” It perpetuates, if you will, the venerable Gnostic tradition of “Jehovah bashing.” And while this in itself may gladden Gnostic hearts, one should not fail to observe that the doctrine plays a vital role in the economy of Neo-Gnostic thought, for only under the auspices of Darwinist ‘self-creation’ does the Good News of ‘self-salvation’ acquire a semblance of sense.” (“From Old Gnosticism to New Age”, Alan Morrison, *Spiritual Counterfeits Project Journal*, Vol. 28, 2005, p. 31)*

In the light of both the bald confessions made by Gnostics themselves and of Professor Wolfgang Smith’s cogent analysis, we can see - with the light of truth - that mankind is of two sexes, male and female, rather than the multiple-gendered being of Gnostic-myth. In the light of truth, we can also see that the entire edifice of Gnostic Progressivism, which passes itself off as multiculturalism and political correctness - is based on hatred of God, fantasy (denial of reality), narcissism, hate, lust, lies, and envy. Diversity, tolerance, sex education, “gay” rights, hate crime laws, speech codes - all are Gnostic

devices of terror, intimidation, forced conversion, and ultimately, totalitarianism, for total control is required by Gnostics precisely because the utopia of which they dream exists only in their over-heated imaginations. In short, we are being forced to deny God, truth, and reality in order that Gnostics may finally escape into their pretend-world.

On the basis of Gnostic deceptions - so twisted, self-contradictory and perverse that Orwell invented the term double-speak to describe them - Americans have been dutifully handing their children over to be indoctrinated, sexualized, animalized, filled with hate, and made perverse. On this same basis, good, decent, hard-working Americans are being marginalized, intimidated, terrorized, and demonized as bigots, haters, homophobes, and racists. In short, because Americans in general have fallen under the mesmerizing spell cast upon them by immoral Gnostic spellbinders, they apathetically sit back and do nothing as their children are stolen from them and what remains of traditional values America is systematically destroyed and the ground cut right out from beneath mesmerized Americans.

What are we to do? John provides the answer, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32) God is not dead, man is not a multi-gendered being, and Darwinism is not real science. All are Gnostic Progressive doublespeak - lies. Only Truth - Jesus Christ's immutable truth - and the courage to proclaim it can and will set us free. We must shake off the mind-numbing effects of Gnostic-fairy dust and courageously take our stand on it.

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“Wherever any precept of traditional morality is simply challenged to produce its credentials, as though the burden of proof lay on it, we have taken the wrong position.” - C.S. Lewis

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The Top 10 Myths About Abortion (Part 1)

By Chris Schandavel

Myth #10 – A woman’s right to have an abortion is really about her *right to privacy*, which is a Constitutional right that cannot be infringed.

Truth: The so-called “right to privacy” is contained nowhere within the text of the entire Constitution, nor can it be found anywhere within any of the Constitution’s 27 Amendments. The reason for this is obvious: many crimes and immoral acts can be committed in private. However, in the 1965 case *Griswold v. Connecticut*, for the first time in history the U.S. Supreme Court used the “right to privacy” argument to strike down a state law as unconstitutional. To justify the origins of its newly created “right,” the Court explained that “specific guarantees in the Bill of Rights have penumbras, formed by emanations from those guarantees that help give them life and substance.”

A “penumbra” is another word for the shadow formed by an eclipse, and an “emanation” is another word for an emission. In other words, the Court found the “right to privacy” lurking somewhere in the shadows of the Constitution, and a few years later in deciding *Roe v. Wade*, those rights they found hidden in the shadows became all the justification the Court needed to argue that a woman has a Constitutional right to murder her unborn child.

Myth #9 – The Supreme Court’s 1973 ruling in *Roe v. Wade* only allows for abortions in the third trimester if the woman’s life or health are seriously endangered.

Truth: The Court’s ruling in *Roe v. Wade* did indeed specify that the state is free to regulate and even ban abortion in the third trimester as long as exceptions are made for instances in which an abortion might be necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother. However, in a lesser known

adjoining case released the very same day titled *Doe v. Bolton*, the Supreme Court declared that abortions must remain legal “in the light of all factors - physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman’s age - relevant to the well-being of the patient. All these factors may relate to health.” So from that day forward, the right to have a legal abortion at any stage of pregnancy has been protected as a Constitutional right provided only that a woman and her abortion doctor come up with one negative consequence that would fall under the broad definition of “health” as determined by the Court in *Doe v. Bolton*. Unfortunately, for a greedy abortion doctor eager to make a buck or for a desperate woman eager to find an easy way out, coming up with such an exception has proven to be all too easy.

Myth #8 – Most women who choose abortion have very good reasons to abort.

Truth: According to a [2004 study published by the pro-abortion Allen Guttmacher Institute](#), 92 percent of women surveyed who had had abortions cited as their primary reason a factor *other than* their own physical health or life, the health of the child, or rape or incest. 92 percent! In fact, less than 1 percent cited rape or incest as their main reason for having an abortion.

The biggest reason cited? “I’m just not ready.” 25 percent of women surveyed chose this response as their primary reason for choosing to have their children murdered. Coming in a close second was the response, “I can’t afford a baby now.” In other words, 23 percent of women surveyed had their babies killed for financial reasons. An additional 19 percent of women surveyed thought that they were too old or that too many other people were already depending on them. Rounding things out, 8 percent cited relationship issues or the father’s absence, 7 percent thought they were too young and/or immature, 4 percent were afraid having a child would interfere with their education plans, and 6 percent chose “other.”



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Now is this to say that physical health concerns (either for oneself or for one's child), or cases of rape or incest justify having an abortion? Not by a long shot. Still, even most pro-choicers would admit that 92 percent of abortions occur for no good reason whatsoever.

Myth #7 – Making abortion illegal wouldn't reduce the number of abortions; it would just force women to seek dangerous back-alley abortions from strange men wielding coat hangers.

Truth: If abortions were completely outlawed, the number of abortions that occur each year in the U.S. would drastically decrease. The pro-abortion crowd is able to make their argument due to the difficulty inherent in attempting to accurately track how many abortions were taking place back before abortion was legal. As a result, abortion advocates have taken all reasonable estimates and blown them out of proportion. Some have even claimed that up to a million illegal abortions were being performed every year before *Roe*, though [a recent study](#) put the number closer to 100,000 abortions a year. That's a pretty sizeable difference, and considering the fact that [the number of documented legal abortions](#) surpassed 700,000 the year *Roe* was decided (1973) and hit the 1.5 million mark only 7 years later, it's obvious that the legalization of abortion has resulted in the deaths of millions of unborn children whose lives would have otherwise been spared.

Additionally, the abortion lobby has often claimed that 5,000-10,000 women were dying every year from illegal "back-alley" abortions before abortion became legalized. Former abortionist and co-founder of NARAL, Dr. Bernard Nathanson, put those bogus numbers to rest in his 1979 book, *Aborting America*, in which he wrote, "I confess that I knew the figures were totally false, and I suppose the others did too if they stopped to think of it. But in the 'morality' of our revolution, it was a useful figure, widely accepted, so why go out of our way to correct it with honest statistics?" In reality, [according to the Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#), in 1972, 39 women died from illegal abortions. As tragic as each of those deaths is, that number is still a far cry from the 5,000-10,000 figure often cited by abortion advocates even today.

Plus, the vast majority of these abortions weren't being performed in back-alleys by strange

men wielding coat hangers. In 1960, the president of Planned Parenthood, Mary Calderone, declared in an article published in *American Journal of Health* that "90% of all illegal abortions are presently done by physicians." If doctors were performing abortions before the practice was legalized, doctors will still be performing them if abortion is again outlawed, only these doctors will be much fewer and farther between than they are today, and they'll be operating under threat of legal retribution.

Finally, one easy way to determine whether or not abortion rates would drop if abortion were outlawed is by simply asking the women who have had them. Several studies have been published in which women who have had abortions were asked if they would have sought abortions had the practice been illegal at the time. The results of these studies were referenced in David Reardon's book [Aborted Women: Silent No More](#). Depending on which study you look at, anywhere between 40 and 90 percent of women surveyed reported that they would not have sought illegal abortions.

Using the 90 percent figure, if abortion had never been legalized in America, 45 million children who never got a shot at life could be with us today (though many of them would be in their twenties and thirties by now). Even using the lowest figure reported (40 percent), that's 20 million children who wouldn't have had to die. Without a doubt, if abortions were completely outlawed in the United States, the number of abortions that occur each year would drastically decrease.

Myth #6 – The President doesn't have any influence on the abortion rate or on abortion laws.

Truth: After only a couple months in office, President Obama has already proven that the President of the United States does in fact have a significant effect on abortion. Amazingly, during last year's election cycle many Christians justified their support for then-Senator Obama by claiming that the President's abortion position doesn't have any effect on the number of abortions that actually occur, or on the legal status of abortion. The first and perhaps most obvious objection to such an outrageous claim is the fact that it is the President who nominates justices to the Supreme Court, who unfortunately often have the final say on laws pertaining to abortion. But

the President can do a lot more than just sitting around waiting for a Supreme Court vacancy to open up, and President Obama is quickly demonstrating that very thing.

Only days into his presidency, President Obama overturned what has become known as the Mexico City Policy, which prevents U.S. taxpayer dollars from being sent overseas to groups that promote and/or provide abortions. Hoping to avoid negative media coverage, President Obama issued a [presidential memorandum](#) overturning the Mexico City Policy late Friday afternoon, January 23rd, after most of the major news outlets had settled down for the weekend. In the memorandum, the President stated, "These excessively broad conditions on grants and assistance awards are unwarranted. Moreover, they have undermined efforts to promote safe and effective voluntary family planning programs in foreign nations."

Not long after revoking the Mexico City Policy, [President Obama then restored funding to the United Nations Population Fund \(UNFPA\)](#), which has come under fire in recent years for its involvement in China's enforcement of its one-child policy through forced abortions and sterilizations. As if it wasn't enough to send taxpayer dollars overseas to groups promoting and performing abortions, now we're sending money to groups involved in *forcing* women to have abortions, too. And to think some actually believed the President can't (or won't) do anything about abortion.

Unfortunately, President Obama's term has only begun, and the economic downturn has prevented him from focusing much on his pro-abortion agenda so far, meaning it's only going to go downhill from here. Already [his administration is reviewing President Bush's efforts](#) to beef up protections for pro-life physicians who don't want to be forced to perform abortions against their consciences. Undoubtedly they'll come up with a way to overturn these important protections very soon, especially now that [Obama has named pro-abortion former Kansas governor Kathleen Sebelius as his Secretary of Health and Human Services](#). Sebelius has drawn criticism over her ties to late-term abortionist George Tiller.

What the next four years have in store for unborn children across the country and around the world is still yet to be seen. Will the President get a chance to sign the infamous Freedom of Choice

Act (FOCA), which would overturn all restrictions on abortion in all 50 states, and which some are claiming [would increase abortions by 125,000 more per year](#)? Will the President have the opportunity to fill one, two, or even three vacancies on the Supreme Court, all the more solidifying *Roe v. Wade* as the law of the land and undoing the progress made in recent years by President Bush's judicial appointments? Time will only tell. What is certain, though, is that by the time it's all over with, President Obama may have done more to influence abortion laws and policies and thus the abortion rate than any President in U.S. history. Perhaps by then this myth will have been finally dispelled once and for all. Unfortunately, for millions of unborn children it will be too late.

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"A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on." - Carl Sandburg

Netanyahu Wins - Obamacrats, AP, U.N., Europe, Hamas, Livni Lose

By Joe Clarke

The [Jerusalem Post](#) is reporting that the Obama administration is "worried" about the selection of "right-winger" Benjamin Netanyahu over the softer, gentler lady Zippy Livni. I am not certain, but she possibly obtained her nickname from her habit of wanting to zip away from Israel's enemies when they attack - as Barack seemed to favor, before he was in favor of the war that he opposed. Sorry for the unclear jargon, as the new Democrat administration tends to prevaricate every issue.

"Bebe" Netanyahu miraculously won this election against Zippy, who actually won a majority of the Parliamentary seats, but she could not get the support of those Israelis who have become rather tired of the more than 5,000 rockets and mortars fired into their country over the past several years. A Giant Fence has stopped suicide bombers, many of whom decided to take up temporary residence in Iraq.

I know I cannot convince libs, who must love the more dovish Trotsky's belligerent war mongering, yet hate "hawks" like Netanyahu and

W. Bush. They just cannot seem to understand that war has been utilized out of necessity a few times in world history, because there have been some very bad people who will simply not react to diplomacy (talking and monetary payoffs). Even Bill Clinton had to bomb those "bad" Serbians in order to save the "good" Muslim Jihadists training in Kosovo.

I wrote the below about a week ago when I noticed that the World Press, U.N., Europe, Hamas, and Obamacrats were vociferously rooting for Zippy Livni. The AP led the pack.

You shall make no covenant with them or with their gods.

["Inconclusive Election Puts Israel Peace In Limbo"](#) February 9, by Karin Laub - Headline from the APAP (Associated Press for Associated Palestinians, formerly AP) news wire.

The *Associated Press*, which is the primary international news feed for most newspapers and other cohorts in the Mainstream Media, has been just as biased in its reporting about Israel as it has about Barack and the American Democrat party.

More than somewhat troubling is the fact that so many Western liberal Jews, including American academics, journalists, Hollywood types, lawyers, and politicians seem to be more in favor of Jihadists than their Israeli (or American) brethren, who want peace as opposed to being cut in pieces.

The Obama administration, including Secretary of State Hillary, must be cheering for the slight edge that the Woman's Touch candidate, Tzipi Zippi Livni, has eeked out during Israel's Tuesday election. She gained slightly over the "far right," Take No Gruff, Real Man candidate Benjamin Netanyahu. Lieberman, the "far, far right" candidate, who demands that Arab citizens of Israel take a loyalty oath, has gathered a surprising number of Parliamentary seats which will determine who will eventually rule Israel.

The AP has obviously been rooting for Livni, running her race on the "Hope, No Fear" mantra (no kidding). She wants to divide both Israel and Jerusalem, pull settlers out of the West Bank, and otherwise just give the whole store away.

These peaceniks who are forever content with constantly chopping up and surrendering their own land, remind me of the old Monty Python scene where a Brit Knight keeps fighting - as he loses every limb, one by one, off his body. Just for the fun of it, [see it here](#).

One AP reporter, Karin Laub, has been reporting her bias against Israel for nearly thirty years from some undisclosed AP press bureau in the Middle East.

Do a Google search using "Karin Laub" and "Israel," and check out some of the over the top, prejudiced stories which leave no doubt how biased the AP is.

So many of her reports, [check this out](#), magnify the "brutality" of Israel against Hamas - for "no good reason." Typical reporting by Ms. Laub, teamed up with a non-Jewish sounding, fellow AP columnist named Ibrahim Barzak, have for years produced stories highlighting such things as [Gaza conflict: Israel keeps objectives vague](#), [Hamas declares victory in rallies across Gaza](#), and [257 Palestinian children killed in Gaza, United Nations says](#). Always accentuating Israel's killing and destruction in Gaza and hate for Palestinians, the United States and International AP (should be renamed APAP, Associated Press for the Associated Palestinians) has splattered the bloodiest, most graphic photos - of Palestinians only - on the front page of every paper and in the news stories of every MSM TV show in the country.

Not much mention of the over 5,000 rockets and mortars, or suicide bomb attacks against Israel in the past several years. Long live Livni. Goodbye, Israel.

For More AP bias from an Israel-supporting Jew's point of view: [Karin Laub and the AP do their part in war against Israel](#).



Racist Republicans? Sign Me Up!

By Jamie Freeze

As a College Republican, I'm often labeled racist, sexist, and homophobic (none of which are true) by folks who disagree with my politics. After all, it really is much easier to call people names than deal with facts and the issues at hand. Instead of letting me explain why I'm opposed to reparations, government-sponsored welfare, and affirmative action, people just yell "RACIST!" and the conversation ends there. These days, if you, a Republican, are against the stimulus bill, you too are racist. Welcome to the club.

Last week, Democratic Congressman James Clyburn of South Carolina said that southern GOP governors who refused to accept money from the stimulus package would deliver "a slap in the face of African-Americans." In other words, not accepting federal tax-payer money for state spending is racist.

In Clyburn's defense, his spokesperson later said he didn't mean to imply that the governors were racists, but that not accepting the money would hurt the black population in the state. I'm sure Clyburn is concerned about the needs of the black community, but I have to take umbrage to the notion that rejection of a bill constitutes racism.

I applaud the GOP governors who want to reject the stimulus bill based on principle. I hope they continue to refuse to be bullied by the race-baiters like Clyburn. When the dust settles and the consequences of the stimulus package are realized, more people will be wishing that we'd had politicians with backbones. The stimulus bill will not stimulate the economy in the long term. Even the short term stimulation may not work. However, since the package is designed to "help" a lot of people, including black people, it must be racist to oppose it. If opposing the socialist-leaning stimulus bill is racist, then call me a racist.

The stimulus package is just another stretch on the road to serfdom. To quote a spokesman for South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford, "Spending money at the federal level that we do not have represents a future tax increase on all South Carolinians, regardless of their color - and in the process of doing so, he's [Clyburn's] ripping off everyone he claims to represent." Currently, each person's share of the national debt

is roughly \$35,000. Increasing the national debt places more of a financial burden on people - even the black people that Clyburn is so concerned about.

What Congress needs to do is to quit burdening citizens with debt. What Clyburn needs to do is figure out what really hurts his constituents. He seems to believe that black people will be hurt if they don't receive federal aid, but he fails to see how the federal aid is detrimental. Besides enormous debt, the stimulus package violates fundamental principles of laissez-faire economics and capitalism. Such violations will destroy our economy.

If we want socialism, God forbid, then we need to go all out for it like Sweden has done. However, if we want to preserve the financial system that made America a superpower, then we need to reject any form of socialist legislation. We can't have our cake and eat it too. We can't have both a capitalist and socialist system. If we try to do both at the same time, we will have a crappy economic situation. Oh, wait, that's why we are in the predicament we are in now! As for me, I'm casting my vote for pure capitalism. Enough of this sordid love affair between capitalism and socialism!

However, until the country is ready to decide what economic system they want, we need to call out the "Clyburns" in Washington and let them know that their emotional appeals and fear tactics will not work on us. Scaring us into rash decisions with Chicken Little tactics will not work this time around. Furthermore, we should reject the labels of "racist," etc. that are thrust upon people who reject legislation because their principles demand it. However, if we must label principled conservative Republicans as racists, then please allow me to join their ranks.

"The future of private enterprise capitalism is also the future of a free society. There is no possibility of having a politically free society unless the major part of its economic resources are operated under a capitalistic private enterprise system." - Milton Friedman

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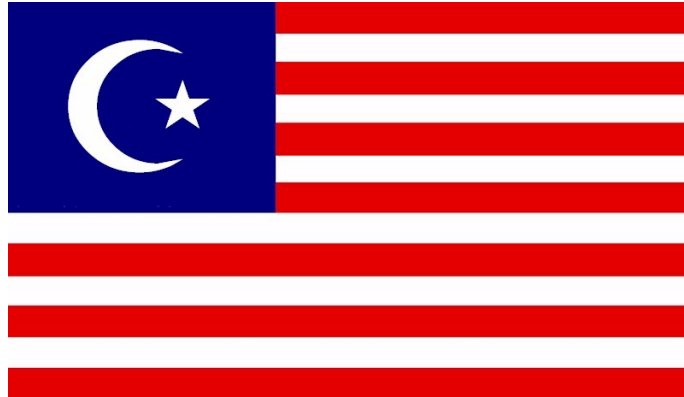


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Now, *Ameristan* continues from last week....

Surah 9 – The Domain at War

The crunch of dry oak leaves and pine needles marked every footfall of Yusef Achim's hiking boots, but no one else was close enough to hear. While the boy scouts were excitedly receiving their first shooting lessons with Ruger Rimfire .22 caliber rifles down by the lake, Yusef had slipped back into camp.

He could still hear the distant, uneven pop-pop- pop of gunfire echoing through the trees as he weaved around the cabins and passed several military-green Hummer SUVs parked in the quad.

Yusef glanced over his shoulder before unlocking the log cabin door under the sign that read, "Camp Qud Office - No Unauthorized Personnel." No one would suspect anything was amiss at seeing the camp director entering his own office, but even so, Yusef didn't want any prying ears near the windows.

Inside, Yusef pushed the power button on his black desktop clone. While the computer was

booting up, he removed his wide-brimmed scout hat and spun it onto the bed. The cabin offered cool relief from the oppressive Texas heat, and Yusef decided he would change into shorts when this call was completed.

The trill of the Microsoft Windows musical theme told him that his software was ready, so Yusef typed in his login and password, clicked into the security program, then called up the screen with his stored phone numbers. He twirled a pen while waiting to see the words that would tell him it was safe to continue.

Something moved on the dry leaves outside. Yusef froze, listening intently. He stood and moved quietly to the side of the window. Peering out, he spotted a scrub jay foraging for insects and let out his breath.

"Encryption enabled" blinked on the screen. Yusef returned to his chair, clicked on a listing that said "The CEO," donned his headset, and heard the rapid tones of the automatic phone dialer.

After a long pause, the webcam window popped up, and the face of Ali bin-Salem flickered to life. The white-haired man, usually debonaire and meticulously groomed, looked tired. *Of course. It's after midnight in Jordan*, Yusef thought.

"Adjust your webcam," the voice in Yusef's headset said in Arabic. "I can't see your face."

Yusef slid his chair so he was directly in front of the small camera mounted above his monitor.

"Better?" Yusef asked.

"Yes, I see you now. How are things in Houston?"

"All according to plan. What can you tell me about the shipment, sir?"

"It's on its way. You should expect it by the weekend."

"My...students..." Yusef smiled at the word. "They will appreciate the donation."

"You have made contact with my nephew?" Bin-Salem sounded concerned. "You've been helping him?"

"Yes, Ibraim Aziz has taken care of that," the Boy Scout camp director said. "We'll see that he gets whatever he needs."

"Then we're ready. We can't fail."

"It shall be done," Yusef said with enthusiasm. "Allahu akhbar!"

Abu bin-Salem's face disappeared from the screen, replaced by blinking words: "Secure Connection Closed."

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Wearing a traditional Muslim *dishdasha* robe didn't bother Darryl Harb. In fact, it felt quite comfortable. Darryl had worn subtle disguises before while pursuing news stories. This outfit, the Moroccan style with a hood, felt natural and offered anonymity.

His only major complaint was the unexpected July thunderstorm that rumbled through downtown Houston and forced him to run through puddles in the parking lot of the Al-Fajir Mosque. Despite that and a touch of jet lag that made his eyelids heavy, Darryl was anxious to see what was happening at tonight's meeting.

He had been surprised to find the parking lot filled beyond capacity, and attendants had directed him and other late arrivals to park in Texas Slim's used car lot across the street.

Darryl rushed into the mosque, shook water off his white robe and walked into the meeting room to hear Abu Kareem already preaching with full amplified volume and energy.

"Our Ameristan movement draws its guidelines from Islam," Kareem said. "All of our thinking, our interpretations and our views about existence, life and humanity derive from Islam."

Darryl saw baskets filled with cash being passed through row after row of Muslim men, faces of black, brown and white. Steamy air filled his nostrils with the scent of wet hair and clothes, plus an odd combination of body odor and a faint mixture of various colognes.

Something about the sights, sounds and smells made him want to gag. Darryl found a spot near the back of the room where he could stand by a window with a cracked pane.

"We refer to Islam for our conduct! We are inspired by Islam in whatever steps we take!" Kareem's voice boomed like the thunder outside. Fistfuls of cash were being tossed into the baskets.

"The political aspirations of Ameristan are shaped by Muslims who are devoted to Allah and worship Him!" Kareem reached out to hold up a basket as it passed in front of him. "And as a political movement, Ameristan's lifeblood is derived from its supporters!"

Kareem reached into his suit coat pocket and produced a large roll of currency held by a rubber band. Even from the back of the room, Darryl could tell they were all of a large denomination. They looked like hundred-dollar bills.

"Behold! The lifeblood of Ameristan!" Kareem snapped off the rubber band, split the roll

into two large fistfuls of cash and held them over his head. "The infidel's currency shall finance his own downfall!"

He thrust both wads of bills into the basket. Darryl noticed that even on the women's side of the mosque, separated by a partition, cash-laden baskets were being filled.

"Ameristan welcomes all who share our beliefs and thinking," Kareem said. "Ameristan welcomes those who commit themselves to our course of action, who keep our secrets and aspire to join our ranks in order to carry out their duty."

Darryl's eyes were still locked on Abu Kareem when he felt a tap on his right shoulder. He turned to see a dark-faced man handing him a basket nearly overflowing with cash.

Darryl slipped a single dollar bill out of his money clip, took the basket and was about to make his donation and pass it along. Something about the man who handed him the basket made Darryl pause. Those black, ruthless eyes, stark against white eyeballs, and that growth of stubble on his chin - they reminded Darryl of another face, another time, another place.

He saw men with just such expressions many years ago, when he was a child growing up in Kandahar. He remembered the shouts he heard on that awful day. "Taliban! Taliban!"

The shouts had turned his head, and through the window of his family's ceramics shop, the young boy saw a military-style vehicle speed down the narrow street and screech to a stop outside. Four men with huge machine guns got out of the vehicle and pushed their way into the shop. Voices shouted, people ran, the painful images swirled. Darryl's heart raced as he lived the nightmare all over again in his head. It was so vivid he could almost feel it.

One of the Taliban men grabs me by the arm and drags me out into the street. I see the other men use the barrels of their machine guns to force my two brothers and my father outside.

The young boy runs to his father and clings to his leg. His mother and sister stand just inside the doorway crying.

"Cover yourself, you whore!" yells one of the men at my mother, now pregnant with the

child who will become my youngest brother. This man is the one with the black, ruthless eyes. He raises his hand to Mother, but she shrinks back into the store before he can strike her.

Now one of the gunmen is trying to pull me away from my father. I cry. I wail. I will not let go of my father's leg. I love Baba more than anything. I will never let go. But what's this? My father is telling me to let go? Why would he say that? Why would Baba tell me that?

A slap across my face. It is the gunman with the black, ruthless eyes. He slaps me again, harder.

He drags me away from Baba. He throws me down to the pavement and shoves the machine gun barrel into my chest, keeping me pinned. Only my older brothers are allowed to stay with Baba.

"This is the Sabbath, and you are working!" yells one of the other Taliban men. "You have rejected Allah! You are dar al-Harb! Let all of Kandahar see what the Taliban does to the dar al-harb!"

Three machine guns are pointed at Baba and my brothers. I no longer fear the machine gun and try to get up. I am kicked in the side and kicked in the head, over and over. I hear pop-pop-pop-pop-pop-pop-pop. The machine guns are firing. They are firing at Baba and my brothers.

This cannot be true. This must not be true. The Taliban men and their car have vanished. It was a bad dream, that's all. A bad dream. But why are Baba and my brothers bleeding? Why are they so still? Why are Mother and sister screaming?

Dar al-harb. The young boy didn't understand these words that caused strange men to murder half his family. But later he learned the words were meant for those who were hostile to Islam. The whole world was separated into two camps: *dar al-Islam* and *dar al-harb*. You either belonged to the domain of peace - the peace that sprang from the avenging Sword of Islam - or you were an unbeliever, the hostile enemy, *dar al-harb*, the "domain at war."

After he and his mother and sister fled to America, the boy would take as his new name the words that had changed his life forever. His true

Muslim faith had been shaken. He now realized there were men who took Mohammad's words of hatred toward infidels literally and not symbolically. If these men considered his family *dar al-harb*, then for each and every one of them, he would become a living, breathing manifestation of the Domain of War.

Darryl Harb took the basket of cash from the man with the black, ruthless eyes and turned his back on him. He crumpled the dollar bill in his hand and shoved it back into his pocket. Then he handed the basket to another man, turned and walked slowly out of the mosque.

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Bobbie Sue Fisher finally figured that Shahid might be just a little too shy to ask, so she took matters into her own hands.

"Before we head back to the house," Bobbie Sue said, "why don't y'all turn right at the next light? There's a road that goes up a hill where we can get a good view of the city lights. It's real pretty this time of night."

They had treated themselves to chicken-fried streaks at Gilley's Restaurant, and Shahid seemed to be relaxing into the Texas lifestyle. He handled the car like a professional stunt driver and seemed just as confident in handling himself. Especially when those two big ol' boys in cowboy hats had tried to make trouble at Gilley's.

"Hey, terrorist!" the bigger cowboy had said, "Wha'cha doin' with a white girl?"

"Yeah," said the smaller one in the black hat. "She don't want yore skinny li'l butt. She wants a real man."

Bobbie Sue saw a look come over Shahid that she'd never seen before. The gaze of this polite, gentlemanly boy turned cold as he slowly pushed back his chair from the table, stood and faced the cowboy punks.

He loosened his navy blue necktie, stared at the short one, then shot that same stare into the big one.

"When I was in training at Osama bin Laden's camp in Yemen, I learned some very useful tricks. For instance," Shahid said slowly, picking up his steak knife and examining the steel,

"I learned how to use a small blade just like this one to cut open the carotid arteries of two men in less than three seconds. We trained on real, living infidels. The amount of blood is very impressive. Would you men like to see this trick?"

After a tense pause, Shahid broke into loud, good-natured laughter. The two cowboys laughed too, not quite so loudly, and backed away from the table.

Then Bobbie Sue laughed, too.

"I can't buh-LIEVE you said that!" she squealed. "That was so COOL! Didja see the faces on those ol' boys?"

"They thought perhaps I was a real terrorist?" Shahid grinned as he replaced the napkin on his lap.

The incident played over in her mind, and Bobbie Sue smiled as she told Shahid to make another left turn to reach the top of the hill.

Shahid pulled off the road, turned off the motor and lights and set the brake.

"It is a lovely view from up here," he said. "I like Houston. The air feels warm like Yemen, but, how do you say....more heavy? My home town, it is very small compared to Houston. All those lights in the city - I never saw that back home. Very, how you say, picturesque?"

"Ummm-hmmm. Beautiful." Bobbie Sue put her head on Shahid's shoulder. He didn't take the hint immediately, so she turned her face toward his.

He was a good kisser. Very good. After about ten minutes, Bobbie Sue felt stirrings she wasn't sure what to do with, so she broke off a deep, passionate kiss.

"I don't suppose Daddy would approve of me bein' here."

"You don't seem to be the kind who would worry so much about what your father thinks."

"Daddy and I, we have, well....issues," Bobbie Sue said.

“I understand.” He cupped her face in his hands. She let him kiss her again.

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Yusef Achim stepped out the front door of the Houston Community Center and took a deep breath of the morning air, then immediately regretted it. His nose was filled with acrid fumes from the idling bus around the corner of the building.

“Aacchhh!” Yusef slapped himself and blew out his nostrils. He stepped around the corner to see the last few Boy Scouts getting onto the bus. Teenagers in brown uniforms filled most of the 30-foot vehicle that was painted Boy Scout green.

Ibraim Aziz was waiting to follow the last boy up the steps. Yusef approached and put a hand on the younger man’s shoulder.

“Everyone is here?” Yusef asked in Arabic as he followed Ibraim onto the bus.

“Yes. We’re all ready.”

“Good. Sit with me here in the front. We have much to discuss. Our time draws near.”

The bus driver pulled out of the lot and headed north.

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