

BRUSSELS HORROR - the ugly religious reality

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In the wake of the Brussels horror, we grieve with mourners of the dead and the surviving injured, not to forget the shocked authorities and the heroic emergency personnel. May God have mercy upon the King and people of Belgium - and the rest of Europe. Sadly, the triple-atrocity was predictable. The build-up of Belgian jihadist belligerence has been going on for some time.

It was also entirely predictable that - again - the BBC and other media outlets would inform us that the latest carnage has nothing to do with Islam. So, in the face of such horror and grief, the BBC's Ben Brown interviewed a Brussels imam to perpetuate the deception. Indeed, the imam was lying through his teeth, telling us that Muslims 'love all and hate none' in the name of the 'lovely' religion of peace. How our 'PC' secularists and 'Chrislam' advocates love this blatant falsehood! What atrocity has to occur before we see through all this nonsense?

While one welcomes the imam's 'love all and hate none' statement, he doesn't get that from the Qur'an. The 'unholy' book teaches hatred for Jews and Christians, tells Muslims not to befriend non-Muslims, and urges jihadists to tax or kill non-Muslims who refuse to submit to Islam's agenda of a global caliphate. Backed up by its barbaric penalties, this is the qur'anic reality that drives genuine Islamists. Muslims are ultimately concerned with domination, not integration. This is the authentic, 'un-twisted' religious narrative which inspires IS, Al Qaeda, Al Shebab, Boko Haram, etc. And, whatever agonies they inflict on others, their deluded suicide bombers think they get into paradise for their pains! So the problem is the religious ideology itself, not some 'extreme' version of it. Therefore, we must dismiss the 'PC' brigade spouting their worn-out clichés 'Islam is a religion of peace' and 'this atrocity has

nothing to do with Islam'. The origins of the Paris and Brussels horror go back thirteen centuries. The basic mind-set associated with this blasphemous and brutal ideology is indeed that old.

As for political reality, BREXIT campaigner Nigel Farage always makes sense. 7/7 was a wake-up call to our home-grown danger. Immigration increasingly exposes us to the Muslim menace. Also, Angela Merkel's naive migrant policy is a conduit for 'passive' Islamic invasion. Compassion for genuine refugees has made us vulnerable to the influx of self-declared jihadists, swelling the Muslim population to an increasingly dangerous level. So, from my perspective, apart from the problems posed by numbers, the only Muslim immigrants to be welcomed are those who honestly (taqiyya?) wish to renounce Islam and become Christians. Otherwise, the seemingly-benign Muslim community is a nest in which jihadists find succour and where potential recruits can be enlisted. Whatever one thinks of his policies in general, US presidential front-runner Donald Trump is entirely correct to warn of the Muslim threat, despite the bleating of UK's Andy Burnham and his pro-Islamic secularists.

Never was it more important for faithful Christians to be courageously vocal about the genuineness and glory of authentic biblical Christianity, especially in the context of the growing pro-Islamic liberal ecumenical 'Chrislam' agenda. We also owe it to uninformed Muslims to help them forsake their pseudo-prophet for the true and only Saviour of the world, the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The issues raised by the Paris atrocities are obviously relevant to the Brussels carnage. It is absolutely urgent that we are familiar with the facts of the under-discussed subject: ISLAM - THE ORIGINS EXPLAINED.

So watch this 30-minute video by Dr Robert Spencer, who is an undisputed authority on the origins of Islam. Muslim scholars dare not engage in debate with him!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6bBeyaRjac>

I conclude with the only message of hope for the world:

JESUS - not Muhammad

With a continuing and growing assault on our Christian heritage, never was there a greater need to get to grips with the truth of the Bible text: “No man ever spoke like this man” (John 7: 46). This was the response of amazed men who heard Christ. What truths explain their astonishment?

1. NO MAN EVER SPOKE LIKE JESUS CHRIST

And why? He was no ordinary man. He was perfect and sinless. He is the ‘God-man’ (Matthew 1: 23); ‘God manifest in the flesh’ (1 Timothy 3: 16); the Eternal ‘Word made flesh’ (John 1: 14).

Thus, He spoke words of truth, purity, love, kindness and compassion. He spoke with divine unction, grace and authority. No one else, before or since, ever spoke like Him. He is Creator, King, and Lord of the Universe.

On the other hand, Muhammad was an ordinary man. He was imperfect and sinful. He spoke words of error, impurity, hate and cruelty.

2. NO MAN EVER LIVED LIKE JESUS CHRIST

His life backed up His words. In lip and life, He was perfectly consistent. He brought blessing, healing, comfort and joy to people. His many miracles confirmed His deity.

His tender touch declared the compassion of God. He liberated women from the abusive treatment of selfish men. He rejected violence as a method of spreading His message. No life has ever been lived to match the life of Jesus Christ.

On the other hand, Muhammad's life contradicted many of his more noble sayings. His life is not a good example for 'private character'. His claims cannot compare with Christ's. Spreading his message by the sword, he brought violence and bloodshed to those who refused to submit to his 'Allah'. He humiliated women. His tenderness was reserved chiefly for his own sexual indulgence, and his stomach (according to wife, A'isha).

3. NO MAN EVER DIED LIKE JESUS CHRIST

While His life and preaching angered the religious establishment of His day, nothing could justify the hatred directed at Him. He was guilty of no sin. Expressing God's mercy to us hell-deserving sinners, Jesus, Saviour of the world, died for our sins.

He died, 'the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God' (1 Peter 3: 18). In His agonizing crucifixion, He breathed nothing but love and kindness to His enemies. Such dying! Such love!

On the other hand, Muhammad died, burdened by his own guilt. Sadly and tragically, his death did not terminate his cruel conquests. Others perpetuated his vicious legacy.

4. NO MAN EVER BLESSED THE HUMAN RACE LIKE JESUS CHRIST

His impact on history is not just the effect of a perpetuation of His memory. Jesus rose from the dead!

He lives! The Gospel is the greatest blessing the world has ever known! It has brought forgiveness, love, joy and peace. Christ has mended broken hearts and lives. He has given hope to those in despair. Through Him, the light of heaven has dispelled the darkness of death.

He has liberated individuals and nations. The Gospel has delivered people from ignorance, slavery, poverty and degradation. All that is truly good, noble, pure and beautiful comes from Him (even if apostate believers - crusading Roman Catholics and deity-denying Protestant Liberals - have corrupted His truth). Christ's resurrection influence continues still where He is accepted, trusted and served.

On the other hand, Muhammad died, to rise no more, except to be judged by Christ when He returns. His tomb is not empty. His legacy is ignorance, cruelty, fear and oppression. The continued influence of his teachings is a threat to all that Christ represents.

In conclusion, the case for Christ and against Muhammad is compelling in every respect. Assessed by every test that may be devised, there is simply no competition. So let us all respond as did the men in our text! May we all acknowledge, believe, trust, love and surrender to the incomparable Christ. May we all rejoice in Him, and seek to make Him known throughout the world.

I am well aware that many in the secular West desire Christ no more than they desire Muhammad. Therefore, I must warn them. Even if they never suffer from some jihadic atrocity, they will stand before the judgement seat of Christ, when He returns to judge the world in righteousness (see 2 Corinthians 5: 10).

While opportunity remains, come to Christ! If you are a Muslim, renounce Muhammad, and come to Christ! Then, everything I have tried to express will become wonderfully and experientially true. For my part, I will never serve the pro-Islamic Pope or Muhammad. I serve

only our Lord Jesus Christ.

I invite you all to trust and serve Him with me. Amen!

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