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ISLAM AND JIHAD

THE THIRD CHOICE – Australian theologian and Islamic expert, Dr. Mark Durie was the guest of the Religious Freedom Coalition for two weeks in January. During that time, Dr. Durie had the opportunity to meet with members of the House and Senate, appear on numerous radio programs and meet with journalists and columnists who have a national audience. In all these discussions, he was able to aptly explain the choices given to Christians and other non-Muslims according to the Koran: **CONVERSION, DEATH OR DHIMMITUDE.**

Some background: Dr. Durie is the pastor of St. Mary's Anglican Church near Melbourne, Australia. Prior to joining the ministry he was a linguistics scholar who translated ancient texts in the rare Aceh language. Dr. Durie obtained a PhD in linguistics from the Australian National University. He has been a visiting researcher at the University of Leiden, MIT, UCLA, and Stanford University. He headed the Department of Linguistics and Language Studies at the University of Melbourne, and was an Australian Research Council Senior Research Fellow. He was awarded an Australian Centennial Medal in 2001 for contributions to linguistics. Dr. Durie is considered one of the world's leading experts on Islam.

I met Mark Durie at a conference last year on defamation of religion laws and realized instantly that his scholarly background and knowledge could help educate those in Washington, DC who view Islam as a "religion of peace" and believe that terrorists have "stolen" the religion of Islam. True Islamic scholars know otherwise. The very premise of Islam is that others must convert, die or become slaves in a status known as dhimmitude. I invited Mark Durie back to Washington, DC for the purpose of letting Congress and the media learn from him and his very enlightening book, *The Third Choice*, which is just now being released. What is "the third choice" offered by Islam? The third choice is to submit as a dhimmi, a virtual slave with few legal rights or protections.

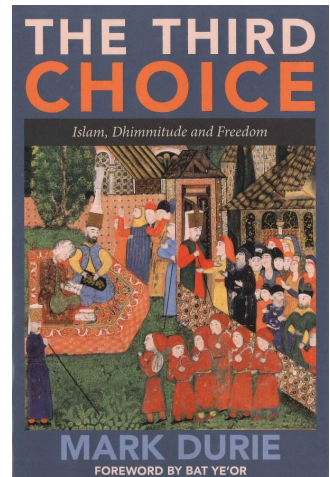


William Murray, Congressman
Frank Wolf and Dr. Mark Durie

During his time here, I arranged a number of meetings with congressmen who are members of the Homeland Security or Armed Services Committees. Congressman Trent Franks, who is a fierce fighter for religious freedom, is also a member of the Armed Services committee. Noted author Ken Timmerman and I accompanied Dr. Mark Durie on the visit to Congressman Franks' office. The congressman extended his visit with us way past the time which had been allotted to us by his staff.

Congressman Franks was particularly interested in the analysis Dr. Durie had written about the Power Point presentation Major Nadil Hasan gave in a class, just prior to his jihad attack on his fellow soldiers at Ft. Hood. That attack killed fourteen people. (The media says there were just thirteen killed because President Obama refuses to count the unborn baby as one of the victims.) The lengthy visit with Congressman Franks was one of the more interesting meetings during Dr. Durie's time here in Washington, DC.

Dr. Durie and I also visited other offices including that of Congressman Frank Wolf, who is an avid student of Islam and a defender of religious freedom both in the United States and overseas. Wolf has been very persistent in urging former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and current Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to do the right thing by Iraqi Christian Refugees. He took several copies of *The Third Choice* to give to others in leadership positions.



During his presentations Mark Durie explained the classical Islamic ideology of conquest: the first choice offered to non-Muslims was conversion to Islam; the second choice was the sword; and the third was surrender. Mark Durie's book interested many of those he talked to in Washington because it exposes the history and ideology of surrender - the 'Third Choice' - which is the reality of life for non-Muslims - known as 'dhimmis' - under Muslim rule. Durie firmly grounds his analysis of the dhimmi condition in the teachings of Islam and the life of Mohammed.

PRESTIGIOUS EVENTS – Because of the contacts established in Washington, DC over many years by the Religious Freedom Coalition, a book signing was arranged at the Heritage Foundation headquarters near the Capitol Building. Many leaders from various organizations as well as staff members of congressmen and Senators attended the event held on January 21st. A video of Dr. Durie's comments can be found at www.heritage.org. Several other public meetings were held in Washington that were co-sponsored by the Religious Freedom Coalition, including a book signing literally across the street from the Supreme Court building. Dr. Durie's visit will influence opinion not only in Washington, but across the nation because of the influential journalists and columnists he was able to educate while here.

Dr. Durie is just one of many influential people the Religious Freedom Coalition has brought to Washington, DC to help educate our lawmakers. Last year appointments were arranged with congressmen and Senators for several Christian leaders from the Middle East including Israel, and from Europe. Bringing knowledge to Washington about the devastation to Christian communities in the Middle East and the dangers of radical Islam is just one of the many services the Religious Freedom Coalition provides.

THE PRESIDENCY AND CONGRESS

MAN CAUSED DISASTERS? - In an interview with a German magazine, Homeland Security boss Janet Napolitano said, "... I did not use the word 'terrorism,' I referred to 'man-caused disasters.'" And she continued, "That is perhaps only a nuance, but it demonstrates that we want to move away from the politics of fear toward a policy of being prepared for all risks that can occur." Napolitano may be in way over her head and not intellectually capable of handling her job, but in this statement she is also reflecting the naive views of her boss, President Barack Obama. Neither understands that the school yard bully does not beat up the strong and take their lunch money; no, he only targets the weak. Obama and his failed security chief are sending a message of weakness to the bullies, which in this case are Islamic terrorists. Meanwhile, Michael Leiter, director of the National Counterterrorism Center, stayed on the ski slopes during the attempted Christmas Day jihad attack in Detroit. He stayed on vacation and did not return to Washington until several days after the attempted bombing of the aircraft. The Obama Administration does not take external threats to this nation seriously.

MY HEART BURNS FOR JIHAD - "My heart burns to ashes because of my love for jihad." Those are the words of the medical doctor who blew himself up and killed seven CIA employees and injured even more in Afghanistan this month.

Dr. Hamam Khalil Abu Mulal al-Balawi, also known as Abu Dajana Al-Khorasani was a Jordanian citizen, born a Palestinian, whom the CIA believed they had recruited to work for them. Did they not read his words? Did they not read his wife's books on jihad? Did they not know that his wife had translated an anti-Western book written by Saddam Hussein? Dr. al-Balawi was an active recruiter and an "elite writer" on al Qaeda's password-protected al-Hisba Web site, where he went by the name Abu Dujana al-Khurasani. And the CIA thought they had turned this guy?

Why was this man not even searched as he entered a US military base? The answer of course is the poison of political correctness that flows from the White House through the CIA all the way to the graveyard. Had Al-Khorasani been an Iraqi Christian refugee, he would have been strip searched. The dead doctor is now a jihadist hero and martyr, whose posthumous article on his love of jihad and hatred for America is appearing throughout the "Islamic world." Young men who have no wives because of the polygamy in Islam will flock to follow him in martyrdom, to receive their 72 virgins in an alcohol and gluttony filled version of paradise.

NOTE: In the last year "trusted" Muslim medical doctors have murdered twenty-one Americans (that we know of) with guns and bombs. Besides the CIA murders, there was Dr. Nadil Hasan's rampage at Ft. Hood in which 13 adults and one unborn baby were murdered. I said there were twenty-one victims "that we know of" because Muslim doctors are leaders in the jihadist movement. The number two man in al-Qaeda is also a medical doctor and accomplished surgeon, Ayman Muhammad Rabaie al-Zawahiri, who routinely approves the murders of men, women and children in the name of Allah. Known in the news media only as al-Zawahiri, it is his face that is often seen in the videos released by al-Qaeda as he calls for the destruction of democracy and the establishment of a religious dictatorship under worldwide Islamic domination.

NOT JUST THE FAULT OF OBAMA - As bad as Obama may be in dealing with the Islamic threat against our nation, the politically correct approach to Islamic jihad began with George W. Bush just after 9-11. His constant references to Islam as a "religion of peace," and the fact that he allowed hundreds of thousands of Muslims to legally enter the United States even as he turned his back on Christian refugees from Iraq and other Muslim nations, set the stage for domestic attacks. Dr. Nadil Hasan, the Ft. Hood jihadist, was educated and promoted by the US Army under the watch of George W. Bush. While Obama's weakness has triggered more terror, some of the seeds were planted on our soil by Bush.

The Bush Administration was pushed toward this political correctness not only by our liberal media, but by the debt our government owes to Muslim nations such as Saudi Arabia. For decades it was the Saudi Royal family that paid Osama bin Laden and various terrorist groups to leave them alone, and kill infidels elsewhere. The Saudis still finance 95% of the mosques in the United States which preach their brand of Islam which calls democracy an "apostate religion" that must be destroyed. The amount of debt owed by our country weakens our ability to challenge the Islamic nations who finance the teaching of hatred toward the West and toward Christianity. Indeed, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's first overseas trip was to Arab nations to ask them to buy US bonds and to assure them that the Obama Administration would look away from the human rights abuses in Saudi Arabia and other Muslim nations.

MAYO CLINIC SAYS NO TO MEDICARE - Barack Obama has pointed out the Mayo Clinic as an example of how medical care in the United States should be. In reality, Congress has voted such low reimbursement for Medicare that the Mayo Clinic has had to limit Medicare patients. Last year Mayo Clinic lost \$830 million on Medicare. BUT ... Senator Harry Reid and Speaker Nancy Pelosi have stripped another half a trillion dollars from Medicare and will lower reimbursement about 21% from what it is now!

So many aspects of the "Health Reform" bill are unconstitutional that court challenges on various aspects will last for years. Senator Ben Nelson of Nebraska was bought off with a promise that Medicaid would be paid by the federal government forever in his state, while all other states will have to pay matching funds. There is a tax on "Cadillac" medical insurance programs, but union members are exempted from the tax until 2018. All seniors who bought Medical Advantage will have it taken away from them, except in Florida. That is how Majority Leader Harry Reid bought the vote of Senator Bill Nelson. The bill even has an unconstitutional provision that prohibits any future Congress from repealing the law once it is signed by Obama.

I have worked on Capitol Hill for decades, and I thought I had seen just about everything, from congressmen hiding bribes in water coolers to Senators nominating their mistresses to important government jobs. Never have I witnessed such a total lack of regard for law and for our Constitution as what is being done in the name of "progress" by the Democratic leadership in the House and Senate.

CULTURE AND RELIGION

HEROIN USE FOR DUMMIES - New York City has produced a comic book for free distribution with instructions on how to properly and "safely" inject heroin. The city spent \$32,000 to print 72,000 of the "guides." The distribution program has been criticized by virtually all authorities on drug use, but Mayor Bloomberg continues to defend the expense to taxpayers. Oddly, Osama Bin Laden uses examples in our society such as heroin use as reasons for jihad. He and other jihadists proclaim that the United States is a godless Satan that must be destroyed.

INTERNATIONAL

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - The Religious Freedom Coalition is gearing up for a very proactive year. We plan to expand our operation in Jordan to assist Iraqi Christian refugees. Currently we are working with an organization based in Europe that may donate a full container of food, up to 38,000 pounds, for distribution to Iraqi Christian refugees. We also want to assist the Christian summer camp for children in Jordan which we supplied with water last year. A water well would cost well over \$100,000 and attract the attention of authorities, so this year we will once again just truck in water and provide other supplies. We are also looking for ways to assist the persecuted church in Pakistan. We have numerous contacts with evangelical groups there and the need is great as persecution increases. In the next Chairman's Report I hope to give an expanded outlook of our hopes for work in the Middle East in 2010.

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