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THE GROUND ZERO MOSQUE

NO 9-11 MOSQUE – The prospect of a mega mosque at Ground Zero in New York City, the burial ground where thousands died in Islam's horrific attack against the United States on 9-11, seems unfathomable! Yet it's about to become a reality! I know this angers you as well, to know the mosque's shadow will actually fall on Ground Zero each day as the sun rises.

It infuriates all of us that the mayor of New York City actually *approved* this 15-story, \$150-million mosque complex, which includes dorm rooms for young Muslim men to come to Ground Zero from all over the Muslim world -- and that he approved it without consulting the families of those who lost loved ones on 9-11!

Why did the Muslims call this mosque Cordoba House? When Muslim armies invaded Spain in the year 711, they made their capital at Cordoba. A huge mosque was built there atop a Christian cathedral, to mark the triumph of Islam over Christianity. And now, in recognition of Islam's victory in 711 at Cordoba, that same name will celebrate their "victory" of 9-11.

In fact, Islam has long had a tradition of erecting mosques to celebrate military triumphs over Christians and Jews. When Islam conquered Mecca, Muslims went to the center of enemy worship and claimed it for their religion by erecting a mosque. When Muslims conquered Damascus, they leveled the church of St. John the Baptist to build a mosque. And where did Muslims build their celebratory mosque after Islam conquered Jerusalem? <u>The golden Dome of the Rock mosque sits atop the Temple Mount's sacred altar.</u>

America lacks such a religious center, so Muslims struck the World Trade Center and the Pentagon as targets representing symbols of our economic and military might. Now Muslims want to erect a mega mosque to literally overshadow one of their greatest triumphs.

Islam wasn't an obvious threat to America's future in 1982 when I began the Religious Freedom Coalition as a non-profit educational organization dedicated to defending the Judeo-Christian heritage of the United States and the freedom of all Christians throughout the world to practice their faith freely.

Yet, even before the fall of the Soviet Union I began warning of a coming Islamic Jihad against the secular West, which as you know came to pass with the shocking attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

As Americans we believe in the U.S. Constitution's freedom of religion, but Islam does not! Muslims do not believe that all men -- and women -- are created equal, as our *Declaration of Independence* correctly states! Muslim nations do not honor the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights even though they signed it. It is a joke to them.

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As chairman of the Religious Freedom Coalition, I know first-hand that Islam is blatantly anti –women with its forced marriages, polygamy, and denial of rights. Christians are persecuted regardless of being male or female. I see the outrages each time I visit the Middle East. Honor killings of women even occur among the Muslim communities in Israel.

Two Christian pastors in Pakistan were just murdered inside a courthouse building while they were in handcuffs! This past Christmas six Coptic Christians were murdered as they left their church. We read of slaughters in Nigeria every month. Not a week goes by that innocent Christians are not arrested, tortured and even murdered in Muslim nations. You probably read about the American doctors who were murdered by the Taliban just days ago as they were on a mission trip bringing medical care to the poor in Afghanistan.

The deeper you look, the more obvious it is that Islam is just not willing to peacefully coexist with the world's other religions. In the past week a number of Buddhists were killed by Muslims in Thailand and Hindus are killed regularly by Muslims in India. Now Muslims want their brutal Islamic law of Sharia in the United States, and liberal judges are going along with it! In New Jersey a judge ruled that a Muslim man had the right to hold his wife captive, torture her and rape her, simply because his Muslim religion condones that behavior.

An investigation of the Qur'an and Sunnah proves Islam definitely is not a "religion of peace," as Muslims repeatedly claim and as our political leaders ignorantly repeat. Are Muslims lying to us? In a word, yes, because Islam permits them to lie to "infidels".

Christians and Jews are commanded to "not bear false witness" in Exodus 20:16. American Judeo-Christian tradition holds that honesty must prevail. Not so with Muslims, <u>who</u> <u>believe their Qur'an permits them to brazenly lie to advance the cause of Islam</u>. The Muslim tradition called "taqiyya" allows a Muslim to outwardly feign loyalty and empathy to infidels (all non-Muslims) as long as Allah knows that inwardly there is hatred and hostility in his heart.

We, the infidels, don't know when to take Muslims at their word because they have permission from their "holy books" to look us straight in the eyes and lie, in order to advance Islam by fooling us with subterfuge.

Think of it: When in a court of law, we put our hand on a Holy Bible and swear to tell the truth "so help me God." With taqiyya, however, a Muslim can swear that oath and say whatever will keep Islam's real goal of conquest from being discovered and opposed.

There are only two actions that guarantee a Muslim salvation: (1) to wage war against non-Muslims, or (2) support those that do. Muslims deny this using taqiyya. Islam's intent with the Ground Zero mosque is a "Trojan horse" subterfuge in support of their cause. <u>Taqiyya, the</u> <u>permission to lie, allows Muslims to deny accusations that Islam is at war with America while</u> <u>purposefully keeping terrorist plots hidden, thus earning their ticket to paradise</u>.

The Ground Zero mosque will be a symbolic tower of victory for those who planned the murderous 9-11 Jihad attack against the United States, and against secular democracy. Allowing this super mosque will be proof to them that Americans don't have the courage to resist their enemies.

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New York's Mayor Bloomberg must be made to understand this! Tens of thousands of petitions must deluge his office, demanding him to reverse his decision to allow the commemoration of Islam's 9-11 triumph to cast its evil shadow across Ground Zero. Not a day should go by that Bloomberg and other New York officials do not receive petitions, e-mails and letters from thousands of outraged Americans demanding that there be NO 911 MOSQUE to celebrate the victory of Islam over the United States.

It won't be easy for Mayor Bloomberg to back down and face the anger of Muslims and the disapproval of all his liberal Democrat friends, especially now that even President Obama has come out in favor of the mosque, at a Ramadan dinner at the White House. Only a flood of outraged protest will give Mayor Bloomberg the backbone he needs to stop the construction of this mosque, which will come to be a symbol of American shame and weakness, not strength.

The Religious Freedom Coalition has prepared both a petition to Mayor Bloomberg and a powerful new TV commercial to expose Islamic intent with the construction of this mega mosque. The one minute commercial will alert Americans to the fact that the mega mosque will celebrate Islam's "victory" over this Christian nation on 9-11. The commercial and petition can been seen at <u>www.no911mosque.org</u>.

NEW YORK BLOCKS CHURCH AT GROUND ZERO – If giving permission to build the mega mosque at Ground Zero made you angry, this will infuriate you. Only one church was destroyed at Ground Zero, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, which was built decades ago by people who had fled Islamic domination. It is nearly ten years later and New York City has refused to allow them to build a new church. New York didn't like the Orthodox domes and said that at seven stories high, it was too tall to be near Ground Zero. But a fifteen story mosque is OK? Nearly ten years after their church was destroyed by Muslims, the congregation meets in a tent near Ground Zero. Why is Bloomberg blocking the construction of this church? Is he just flat out afraid of Muslims or is it political correctness run amuck?

THE PRESIDENCY

9-11 MOSQUE IMAM IS ON STATE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL – The growing controversy over the mega mosque at Ground Zero has not stopped the Obama administration from paying the organizer of Cordoba House to be part of a special State Department cultural program trip with stops in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Abu Dhabi. Yes, the Obama administration thinks Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf is the right man to represent the United States in a State Department trip to Muslim nations.

When questioned, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley praised the Imam, saying that he was "a distinguished Muslim cleric," and then described the program: "... we send people from Muslim communities here in this country around the world to help people overseas to understand our society and the role of religion within our society." WHAT? How does a Muslim who openly says he believes in the implementation of Sharia law represent the United States? And why are there no Christians going to explain "religion within our society."

This is the same type of dimmhification at the federal level as is seen in New York City. Our elected officials and the elites of our nation have decided they can live peaceably with Islam if they accept aspects of it. It is called appeasement. Winston Churchill summed it up well: "*An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last.*"

THE CONGRESS

SENATOR KERRY WANTS MORE MUSLIMS IN USA - As he introduced a bill to bring more Muslim "professionals" to the United States, Senator John Kerry said, "This legislation is designed to help build professional capacity, strengthen civil society, and improve ties between the US and Muslim-majority countries through a two-way exchange of professional fellows." Under his proposal teachers and other "professionals" would be exchanged with majority Muslim nations. Oddly not a single American news outlet reported this and I had to pick it up from a newspaper in India. In Kerry's liberal mind, Muslims and Baptists are essentially the same. And while stoning people to death in the USA may be wrong, it is OK in Muslim nations.

Senator John Kerry, who came close to be elected president in 2004, is part of the liberal elite, an elite that believes that eliminating a Christian majority in the United States will make the nation a better place. Kerry accepts the growing number of honor killings of Muslim women in the United States as a way to achieve some lofty goal of diversity.

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IMAMS WHO REPRESENT THE USA – It was a total shock to learn that the State Department is paying Muslim imams to travel to Muslim nations to teach them about "the role of religion within our society." Whatever happened to "separation of church and state?" One can imagine the outrage it Franklin Graham were paid by the State Department to preach on "the role of religion within our society" in Europe. Apparently the ACLU has no problem with these payments to imams. Investigative reporter Claudia Rosett who writes at Forbes.com, has learned that this is a long standing program. The State Department refuses to disclose the names of the other imams on its payroll.

The *Washington Times* also recently revealed that our government is also paying for the construction of mosques, but refuses to assist the burned out and bombed out churches that have been destroyed my Muslims in Iraq. Also, our government has armed the Lebanese army, and the weapons used by snipers to kill two Israeli offices were supplied by the United States. It is believed that the snipers were trained here, although neither the Lebanese Army nor our government will comment. Congressman Howard Berman, who heads the Foreign Affairs Committee, blocked funds to the Lebanese Army unless there was a promise not to use them against Israel. Lebanese Defense Minister Elias Murr, said in response that he would reject any American military assistance if it came with conditions that weapons not be used against Israel.

The political, academic and economic elite class in the United States views the current ongoing jihad against the United States as a temporary situation that can be put to one side by paying those who preach against us and hate democracy. The thought is that surely one day they will think differently and love us. Here is a clarification: our first war with Muslims occurred during the presidency of Thomas Jefferson. He bought a Koran to read in order to understand the thoughts of the enemy. That same Koran was used to swear in the first Muslim congressman just a few years ago. There is no amount of money we can spend as a nation, no number of imams we can hire, to make a group love us who from their core honestly believe that our nation is "the great Satan."

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