A MASTERPIECE OF MUSLIM MISINFORMATION¹

Hashem Mubarak of the Bay County Islamic Society recently wrote an article titled, "Don't use actions of extremists to tar all Muslims." Actually it looks like he's doing all the tarring and feathering. Anyone not believing the "Islam's a religion of peace" myth he labeled: "hateful, racist, fear-mongering, (suffering from) Islamophobia ...a marginal group of hateful individuals...ignorant and misinformed about Islam & Muslims ... (guilty of) the same racist rhetoric and fear-mongering that was propagated against Blacks and other minorities in the past...a hateful minority in the West that misquotes and misinferprets the Quran and uses that to further its agenda." Whew, talk about venting your spleen! ©

Obviously the Muslim game plan is to use slander & caricature to marginalize or silence anyone who challenges Islam. The playing of the "victim card/race card" is a standard Muslim tactic. It's also incredibly hypocritical since *hateful*, *racist & fear-mongering* is a perfect description of the Islamic world! Muslim clerics, politicians & media (electronic & print) are the undisputed champions of hate speech —backed by violence wherever innocent people can be found! Muslims even kill & torture each other e.g. the war between Iraq & Iran, the atrocities perpetrated on Kuwaiti Muslims by their Iraqi "brethren," the mass killing of Shi'ites by Sunni's in Iraq, etc.

Mubarak's article was full of false statements: e.g. he subtly implied that Muslim beliefs about Jesus are similar to Christians, and that Muslims put the Bible on the same level as the Qur'an. Actually Islam vehemently denies that Jesus is God, that He was crucified, or that He is God's Son: "Christ, the son of Mary, was no more than an apostle...." (Sura 5:75) ... they said (in boast) 'We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Apostle of God'; but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them ...for of a surety they killed him not." (Sura 4:157) And Islam teaches that the writings of Moses, the Psalms, and the Gospels have all been corrupted (Qur'an notes, pp. 282-287).

Mubarak said "The Quran clearly refers to Jews and Christians only as people of the book" but he conveniently "forgot" Sura 9:29: "Fight those who believe not in God nor the Last Day...nor acknowledge the religion of truth [i.e. Islam], (<u>even</u> <u>if they are) of the People of the Book</u>, until they pay the Jizya (tax) with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued" (Note: For centuries "Dhimmi" laws in Muslim lands have treated Jews & Christians like Blacks in the Jim Crow days).

Muhammad uttered 3-4 "tolerant" verses when he & his followers were running for their lives. But those were later superseded by 100+ verses advocating violence, including this gem: "But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the pagans wherever ye find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war)...Fight them, and God will punish them by your hands, cover them with shame." (Sura 9:5 & 14) Mr. Mubarak claims such verses were only for long ago & just "misinterpreted" by a few Muslim "extremists."

But ask yourself: Do Muslims still "*smite…unbelievers… at their necks*" (i.e. decapitate - Sura 47:4; 5:33)? Is the command to "*cut off his or her hands*" still applied to thieves under Sharia law (Sura 5:38)? Can Muslim men still polygamously "*marry women of your choice, two, or three, or four*" (Sura 4:3)? Are Muslim women still worth half as much as men (Sura 4:11; 2:282)? Is a Muslim rape victim still required to produce "*four* (male) *witnesses to prove it*" (Sura 24:13)? Is it still ok for Muslim husbands to beat their wives (Sura 4:34)? Is the statement still true that "If anyone desires a religion other than Islam…never will it be accepted of him." (3:19, 85; 2:106)? Do Muslims still pray towards Mecca & meet for prayer on Fridays (2:144 & 62:9-11)? The answer to ALL of the above of course, is a resounding YES!

No wonder Muslims fight & kill. Muhammad did "*big time*." Plus the Qur'an commands it—just like all those things mentioned above! (e.g. Sura 2:190-93, 216, 244; 3:146; 4:74-76, 89; 8:39, 60, 72-74; 9:5, 14, 29, 41, 111, 123; 47:4, etc.)

Mubarak's final myth: "Jews continue to live and prosper in Muslim countries in the Middle East... (&)Muslims protected Jews...during World War II, when they were exposed to the crimes of the Nazi regime." REALITY: Haj Amin al Husseini, the grand Mufti of Jerusalem, met with Hitler to push for the "Final Solution" in Palestine. On radio he shouted: "Arabs, rise as one man and fight for your sacred rights. Kill the Jews wherever you find them." Approximately 800,000 Jews living in Muslim countries before 1948 fled for their lives to Israel shortly thereafter—a few token Jews who remain notwithstanding. (www.theforgottenrefugees.org)

If I'm grading him, Mr. Mubarak gets an "F" ... for Falsehood!

¹ By Mike Edwards, Panama City, Florida, 23 July, 2010