

The Word's Eye View

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"Women and Islam" (Article 28)

Because of the influence of Christianity American women have enjoyed freedom and privileges that far exceed the rights of the majority of the world's females. The Bible is extremely clear as to how the gentler gender should be treated. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;" (Ephesians 5:25)

Tragically, this view is not shared by the enemies of our country. China, for example, which includes about one-fifth of the world's population, holds a certain distain for female infants. With their one child per family policy in place many more baby girls are aborted than boys. The Muslim world (at least another one-fifth of this planet's people) has an even dimmer view of females. Brigitte Gabriel in her excellent book "They Must Be Stopped" presents an exhaustive examination of verses from the Koran and Hadith quotes. Her native language is Arabic which gives her the ability to read these passages in the language in which they were written. She takes special care to present this material objectively so that no legitimate accusation can be made that any statement was lifted out of context. Space will not allow us to repeat all of the lengthy quotes, but here is her summary of what is being taught in the Koran and Hadith:

"Females can be shut in separate rooms.

They can be beaten.

They are to be treated like domestic animals.

They need to hide themselves behind cloaks and veils.

They are unclean in the sight of Allah.

You can't pray if you have touched a woman and not washed your hands.

The witness of a woman in court is equal to half that of a man.

Women have deficient minds compared to a man's.

The majority of the inhabitants of hell are women."

These attitudes can be confirmed by statistical information. In Pakistan it has been reported by the Institute of Medical Sciences that 90% of its female population has been beaten for such wrongdoings as giving birth to a daughter or cooking an unsatisfactory meal. After the African country of Chad attempted to outlaw wife beating, Islamic clerics in that nation deemed the bill "un-Islamic."

The contempt Islam holds toward women is best illustrated through its long-established practice of honor killings. Any woman's or girl's perceived transgression against the teachings of Islam or against a man's wishes, or behavior that insults a man, permits a male member of the family (father, brother, uncle, nephew or husband) to murder the female to avenge and restore honor to the family in the eyes of society. Even moderate Jordan withdrew a referendum to tighten laws on honor killing after devout Muslims said that the law would eradicate Islamic values and traditions. In 1997 an attorney general in the Palestinian authority told an audience of women that, in his opinion, the honor killings of Palestinian women in Gaza and the West Bank represented 70% of all

female deaths. If Westerners analyzed how a father could kill his own daughter, they would be forced to comprehend how a Muslim could kill an infidel with even more ease.

Understanding these truths compels me to believe that the selection of a woman for the position of Secretary of State is not in the best interest of our nation. Setting my politics aside, I am certain that Mrs. Clinton is a very capable and intelligent person as is Condeleeza Rice. I have long been a great admirer of Margaret Thatcher and Golda Mier, but the present enemy does not hold to the same view. To them, negotiating with a woman is at best a joke and at the worst a grave insult. My political incorrectness would suggest that a high ranking military officer with a background in the Marines, the Navy Seals or the Army Delta Force would be a good choice. Having spent some limited time in the Middle East, I quickly came to realize that the only thing that mindset respects is a superior force.

The Koran offers these conclusions: “When ye encounter the infidels, strike off their heads until ye have made a great slaughter among them, and of the rest make fast the fetters.” (slavery) Sura 47:4 Any non-Islamic is labeled as an infidel and should consequently “be put to death or crucified or have their hands and feet cut off on alternate sides, or be banished from the country.” Sura 5:33

These motivations should be met with a jaw of steel, the eyes of an eagle and the disposition of a grizzly bear. Paul summarized the situation when he wrote: “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceable with all men” Romans 12:18 When it appears to be impossible, crack the closet door and let them have a peek at the consequences.

Ladies, thank God for the Bible and the influence it has had on our culture...