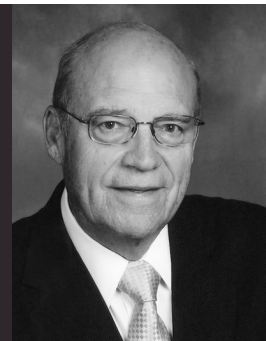




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America's WOKE Military

by Allen West

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Last week we shared the disturbing news that the Sergeant Major of the Army recommended our soldiers apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), aka food stamps, to keep up with the growing inflation. I find it unconscionable that we are sending billions of dollars to foreign nations, but our troops are being told to sign up for assistance to afford food.

But this is just a small example of what is happening for our military. The perilous infusion of cultural Marxism into our Armed Forces is far more dangerous.

Recently, the Department of Defense Chief of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Kelisa Wing, who self describes herself as a “woke administrator,” made some very disconcerting comments towards white Americans . . . or folx as she asserts. I have to ask, how much is this racist person being paid while our soldiers are being told to apply for food stamps? But even more troubling is that such a radical individual is allowed access to our military? How can we have an effective, cohesive fighting force when you have a radical Marxist disparaging one demographic of our military force? Cultural Marxism has no place in our Armed Forces and the last thing we need is an office of diversity, equity, and inclusion in our Department of Defense, a cover for enabling these radicals.

It was not too long ago that our military was being focused on combat readiness, capability, and capacity to fulfill its mission. Now, we have a Secretary of Defense, with whom I served at Ft. Bragg NC, who is issuing memorandums telling members of our military to get used to troops suffering from gender dysphoria entering shower and latrine facilities with them. Basically, female troops are being told that biological men will be naked, showering with them. Now, if you are an adult and want to play make believe, fine, go ahead, but this should not be happening in our military. As well, the American taxpayer should not be responsible for subsidizing hormonal therapies or surgical procedures for individuals affected by this mental condition . . . the previous diagnosis of the American Psychiatric Association.

Just this past week, the United States Air Force Academy announced new rules about promoting gender neutral language. Can you imagine that the USAFA now advises against saying such simple things as Mom and Dad? They are advising cadets to inquire about a person's desired pronouns before making any declarations. A few months ago, the US Navy issued a video about correct pronoun usage. Hmm, I can remember some very interesting names that Drill Sergeants would use, and they did not inquire about pronouns. Matter of fact, knucklehead is gender neutral, along with stuck on stupid. There seems to be a lot of that in our military and its senior leadership at this time.

But what has to be most worrisome for our military has been the illegal, immoral, unethical, and unconstitutional COVID shot mandate forced upon our servicemen and women. Earlier this month, seven cadets at the US Coast Guard Academy were expelled for refusing to take the jab; the same has occurred at the United States Military Academy, West Point. And we are all aware of the countless stories of men and women in uniform who are being persecuted for not taking this shot. There are troops who are being segregated into deplorable living conditions, treated like lepers. They are having their constitutional rights denied, such as religious exemptions. They share their stories with us at the American Constitutional Rights Union's Committee to Support and Defend, America's constitutional conservative Veterans organization.

What should cause us concern is that our troops are being treated in such a disgusting manner even as we now know that Dr. Deborah Birx admitted they knew the shot would not prevent being infected with the virus. SecDef Austin, Commander in Chief Biden, and Dr. Fauci all contracted the virus after having the shot and boosters. Last week, Joe Biden stated that the pandemic is over, so why are we still punishing our troops and mandating this shot on some of the most physically fit in our country? When you study the objective facts and statistics you will see that the infamous shot has caused more harm than what is being reported. There are countless cases of cardiac issues such as myocarditis. One has to ask, will our troops be able to file lawsuits against those who forced this untested shot upon them? Yes, it was only under emergency use authorization, not full FDA approval.

Will there be legislation passed in the US Congress that will allow our troops to seek legal recompense? Will military members who were discharged from the military be reinstated? Heck, if the GOP is successful in the midterm elections, will the Department of Defense office of diversity, equity, and inclusion be defunded? Will our military find senior leaders who will honor their oath to the Constitution, not to political ideology, certainly not to cultural Marxism?

America's constitutional conservative veterans' organization, the Committee to Support and Defend, is taking the lead on these issues. Our US military is being led down the perilous road of "wokeness." The last thing America needs is a politicized military and kommissars advocating an ideology that is anathema to our rule of law, our Constitution . . . of which our military members take an oath to support and defend.

Steadfast and Loyal.

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The Climate Hoax

by Norman Rogers

In the early 1970s I was a disaffected youth. I began working at the nonprofit Zero Population Growth. We promoted the idea that exploding human population would soon make the world uninhabitable.

The president of our organization went on the Johnny Carson television show. Sacks of mail, often with checks, arrived. The psychological effect was intoxicating.

One of our directors, a college professor, suggested that vending machines could sell suicide pills as a method of reducing the population. We did everything possible to shut that bad idea down. Not for moral reasons but to protect the organization. We wanted more members, more influence, and more money. Our motivation had changed from saving the Earth to getting more money and power.

Everything that Zero Population Growth promoted turned out to be wrong. The "population bomb" was a dud. There were no famines. People became better nourished even in the poorest countries. Rather than exponentially growing population, population growth slowed and even crashed in the richer countries. I learned a lifelong lesson of skepticism.

Thirty years later I retired from my work as an engineer and began what became a ten-year study of climate change. I went to scientific conferences and worked hard at making friends with climate scientists. I realized that the science predicting future doom from emissions of carbon dioxide was wildly speculative.

Individual climate scientists did good work but accurately predicting the future climate was not realistic. I could not but help notice a climate of fear that prevented scientists from opposing the climate doom narrative. The labs and universities that employed scientists did not want any dissident voices that might torpedo the flow of money from Washington.

This was all predicted in the 1961 farewell address by President Eisenhower. He was worried that the science establishment, that he called the scientific-technical elite, would warp science to influence government policy for its own benefit.

Dwight Eisenhower was a greatly underestimated President. His practical insight into human nature is illustrated by the fact that he made loads of money playing poker while in the Army. He also graduated first in his class out of 240 senior officers at the Army War College. Although President Eisenhower was usually depicted as a lightweight by the media, his insights were uncannily accurate.

Today's climate crisis is a modern example of public policy being ruined by a self-interested scientific-technological elite. World governments are spending trillions to avoid an imaginary climate crisis. Bizarrely, the methods selected to avoid the crisis—windmills and solar panels—can't possibly accomplish much, even if the crisis were real.

Climate scientists think they are engaged in one of the hard sciences. But climate science is actually a soft science because its conclusions depend on the statistical analysis of noisy and dubious data using complicated and opaque computerized models. It is the perfect setup for confirmation bias, the tendency for scientists to arrive at conclusions that support their preconceived prejudices. Worse than confirmation bias is lying and fakery in the pursuit of money and power, also not unknown.

There are plenty of climate scientists who have doubts, but they have to keep their doubts hidden. They are employees of large institutions and they have families and mortgages. The scientists that speak out are either retired or have impregnable positions due to exceptional scientific accomplishment. Among professional climate scientists, public opposition to the climate doom theory is rare, but it does happen—I know of one climate scientist that forged a successful career as a denier, running over his opponents with raw courage and entrepreneurial talent.

Much of the opposition to the climate doom narrative comes from amateur scientists. These are typically politically savvy individuals with scientific backgrounds. Their credibility is limited by their lack of official professional qualifications, but they are immune to the establishment's retaliations. Usually, they are retired, have their own businesses or are wealthy. The

Internet makes it possible for them to speak to the world. They are reviving a tradition of amateur scientists that was dominant prior to the twentieth century.

Here are some examples of amateur scientists: Stephen McIntyre a retired Canadian mining expert runs the website climateaudit.org. Tony Heller, an electrical engineer, runs the website realclimatescience.com. Anthony Watts, a television meteorologist, runs the website wattsupwiththat.com. There are many more.

Rogue science could not have built the climate crisis empire without the help of the environmental movement. The environmental movement is always looking for an environmental “crisis” to which they can hitch their wagons. The environmental movement attracts disaffected youth looking for meaning in life as well as old lefties that see the movement as a path to a socialist utopia. Some of these non-profit organizations have great political influence and big budgets. They are driven by money and power. They lie shamelessly, hiding behind a façade of earnest concern.

Patrick Moore, a genuine scientist and one of the founders of Greenpeace, had an epiphany and left the climate change movement. His book, *Fake Invisible Catastrophes and Threats of Doom*, should be read by everyone with an open mind. Greg Wrightstone, a geologist, wrote: *Inconvenient Facts: The Science That Al Gore Doesn't Want You to Know*. The book is an accessible and powerful indictment of the climate crisis. The MIT scientist Richard Lindzen, a climate scientist who made important discoveries, exposed the reality of climate science and environmentalism from an insider's viewpoint in his profound essay: “Climate Science: Is it currently designed to answer questions?” Donna Laframboise exposed the unbelievable corruption within the supposedly authoritative United Nations International Panel on Climate Change with her book: *The Delinquent Teenager Who Was Mistaken for the World's Top Climate Expert*.

Many dislike the term “climate denier” because it is intended as a smear against anyone that even questions the climate crisis. My own feeling is that it is better to wear this label as a badge of honor and thus play jiu jitsu with the climate establishment's organs of propaganda.

We live in an age encapsulated by Romans 1:22: “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.”

Formerly respectable medical institutions are trying to change boys into girls and vice versa with drugs and surgery.

Most big media present the climate crisis as if it is a solid scientific finding. They depict deniers as crackpots or paid spokesmen for oil companies. This is the arrogance of people who think they know everything but live in a sea of ignorance. The real investigative reporters work for minor, independent media without the vast money laden resources of big media.

Establishment climate science has become infatuated by its own imagined expertise and importance. Like many things in human history, arrogance is nothing new. We should remember the persecution of Galileo for suggesting that the Earth revolves about the sun, not vice versa.

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Israel, Europe, and Oil

by Mike Konrad

The present imbroglio in the Eastern steppes will not be the end of things. The embargo of gas to Europe will have consequences, but not what was anticipated. A former “side-player” is stepping up to the plate: Israel.

Until a few years ago, Israel was energy dependent, but no longer. Thanks to recent exploitation of gas fields off of its coast:

Israel is . . . independent in supplying its needs in energy. To be precise, [Israel] still use[s] imported coal and oil to produce electricity, but if forced to, Israel can rapidly adjust itself to generate all the power it needs from its own resources, mostly its natural gas. —*JPOST*

And not just energy independent, Israel has gone from energy importer to a major energy exporter. This is a world-class game changer.

In landmark deal signed in Cairo, Israel to export natural gas, via Egypt, to Europe

Israel to send fuel to Egypt, which will liquify it for shipping; agreement will help European bloc reduce Russian energy dependence. . . —*Times of Israel*, June 2022

While this present contract will not replace all the gas that Europe has lost to the present embargo, every little bit helps. And Israel seems to be finding more and more energy reserves all the time.

The discovery of another marine natural gas reservoir, announced May 9 by British natural gas company Energean, underscores Israel's emerging status over the past decade as a regional power in the field of natural gas. The country is capable of providing not only for its own needs, but for the needs of its neighbors as well, and even for other countries around the world.—*Al-Monitor*

Who knows what Israel may be able to supply in a year or two? The headlines are startling.

Israel sees gas exports to Europe boom in wake of Russian invasion of Ukraine

A surge in global demand for natural gas has resulted in a massive increase in revenues for Israel

as the country seeks to boost production and its political influence.—*MiddleEastEye*

Western Europe may find relief sooner than it thinks. What this means is that Western Europe may no longer be held hostage to the whims of Eastern and Mideastern dictatorships. No more kowtowing to thugs.

Tyrannies which have been able to support their control, financed by energy exports, may find their markets dry up and their economies crumble to dust, as Israel grabs their market share.

Israel's natural gas production surged 22% in the first half of the year, as the government plans to ramp up exports that will make their way to Europe, where the worst energy crisis in decades is under way.

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Israel is ramping up output as European nations scour the globe for natural gas, with energy prices on the continent at record levels. The European Union is turning away from key supplier Russia following the country's invasion of Ukraine, while Moscow has also curbed shipments, leaving buyers rushing to find alternatives ahead of winter.—*Bloomberg*

Whenever this war ends in the Ukraine, do you think Europe will willingly go back to total dependence on Nord Stream? Of course not!

And while Israel can only make up part of the energy deficit, with a mix of some common sense—which Europe is being forced to rediscover—and Israel gas, Europe may end up free of dependence on despots.

Even green Germany is going back to coal. Albeit reluctantly, but still...

Chancellor Olaf Scholz says Germany's decision to reactivate coal and oil-fired power plants to relieve energy shortages because of the war in Ukraine is only temporary and his government remains committed to doing "everything" to combat the climate crisis. —*Associated Press*

Chancellor Scholz has to say that. He doesn't want to admit that the climate crisis is nonsense, which would mean that decades of European policies and trillions of Euros have come to nothing. It was all a waste. The money could have been better spent otherwise, such as in preparing for this present crisis.

But who knows? This energy shock may impel Europeans to dispense with the befoggery of man-made climate change idiocies, along with the self-destructive energy policies such stupidity encouraged. Europeans may go back to sound scientific thinking. . . and stop listening to know-it-all teenage girls in Sweden.

It won't happen overnight, but the process of healing has begun.

With a few years, wannabe caliphs, czars, satraps, and exalted mystic poobahs may find that no one wants to buy their output any more. Europe will have moved to more reliable energy sources. Then the economies of these export-subsidized despotisms will totally collapse, with the consequent social disruptions. Game over.

The biggest loser will be the Palestinians, who have been peddling themselves to the Europeans as innocent victims of Zionism for decades, and milking the European Union for support.

EU renews its support for the Palestinian people with a €224.8 million assistance package—The Office of the European Union Representative

The Israelis complain that the EU funds terrorist NGOs:

EU resumes funding for six Palestinian NGOs branded as terrorists by Israel—*RFI*

And the Europeans have dutifully ignored Israeli complaints.

Moreover, Israelis accuse the EU of supporting what Israel calls illegal Palestinian construction.

A report by Israel's Intelligence Ministry sharply criticizes the European Union for funding the Palestinian Authority's illegal "takeover" of areas that are recognized as being under Israeli sovereignty.—*Jewish News Services*

But once Europe finds out where its energy will be coming from, expect a sea change in its policies.

The Palestinians will soon find out what the Jewish people have known for centuries: Europe has always been rather amoral when it comes to matters of policy. The Europeans practice Realpolitik.

In layman's terms: After this chilly winter, once Europe realizes that it needs Israel for energy supplies, the Palestinians will be thrown under the bus. . . just as quickly as the Europeans once threw the Jews under the bus.

And the same will happen to a lot of Mideastern countries.

Iran may be the next hit, when the mullahs find out that—even if sanctions are lifted—the expected customers do not line up. Their plunge into social chaos may continue.

Turkey's Erdogan may become enraged if it becomes apparent that an anticipated gas pipeline, with its expected royalties, will bypass Turkey—and he does not get his needed share of the bonanza. Turkey is already furious that Greek and Cypriot maritime borders lock out a lot of Turkish claims.

From the Turkish perspective, the division of economic zones in the Mediterranean is unfair and to the massive advantage of Greece, whose countless islands and thus maritime borders extend far to Turkey.

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Israel, Greece And Cyprus as sources

That is the vision of the EastMed project, a pipeline Israel is planning with Greece and Cyprus that would supply energy to the European continent. It could supply an estimated 10% of Europe’s energy needs.—*World Crunch*

The EastMed project will bypass Turkey altogether. No money for the wannabe Islamic Sultan; the Sublime Porte will remain broke.

A lot of tyrants are going to be surprised. Israel will be a deal breaker, and will get rich while the glorious leaders go broke.

If the democracies are smart, they will use some of the windfall to arm themselves to protect against any reaction.

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History Channel and Che Guevara

by Olivia Murray

Remember when President Trump was running the show, and the US had a real “red line” in the sand, and he sent tier-one military units to track down Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who promptly detonated a suicide vest, killing himself and several of his own children?

And then The Washington Post referred to the dead terrorist as an “austere religious scholar?”

Well, the History Channel has taken it up a notch. In the left-wing media’s latest display of perverse obsession with figures of mass slaughter, Che Guevara is once again painted as a chic and charming hero.

The tweet highlighted a recycled article, which described Guevara’s rise to murderous dictator as a “coming-of-age” tale. It recalled his early life as an ambitious and dedicated medical student, with “intellectual curiosity” and a “hunger for adventure[.]” But then get this: the author quotes historian Paulo Drinot, a professor at the University College London, who said Guevara possessed the virtue of “social consciousness.”

I’m sorry, what? Doesn’t “social consciousness” imply that a person is attuned to the plight of suffering people? In what world would that describe Che Guevara?

When discussing the absurdity of this piece, one of my *American Thinker* colleagues relayed to me two stories about Guevara, both of which I was previously unaware of.

1. During Guevara’s reign of terror, a distressed

mother arrived at the secret police headquarters, looking for her son. Guevara directed the mother to where the boy was, and “ordered the son shot” right in front of her.

2. He had a large picture window installed in his office so he could watch the executions without missing an administrative beat.

A true voyeur of death.

Then the reader is treated to a gross attempt to humanize the monster, lamenting the fact that poor Guevara “had a rough start” to his well known motorcycle ride. Poor respiratory health led to him contracting the flu (*aw, let’s all pity the despot*) before he had to “nurse” a broken heart after a break-up.

The rest is quite typical of the media drivel to which we’re unfortunately all so well accustomed. The article ends by announcing Guevara’s graduation from medical school and touts his undying loyalty. . . and completely fails to mention his despicable track record of violating unalienable human rights.

This repurposed content exhibits a seriously dangerous trend in the historical discipline (although I’m not so sure many people really consider the History Channel an academic authority). Nonetheless, the general tendency of historical academicians—like the referenced professor as well as the author of the article—is to run cover for Marxism. The failed doctrine cannot stand on its own merit as a legitimate and prosperous political philosophy, for obvious reasons. What other ideology has a body count that numbers in the hundreds of millions? No others are *even close*.

The author of the piece, Christopher Klein, appears to be an accomplished writer and describes himself as a “total history geek.” Yet he’s clearly flouting all convention, and abandoning the most sacred principle of historical writing, which is the noble pursuit of *objectivity*.

Throughout his piece, there is a heavy emphasis on the economic and social suffering of the people, many of whom were treated like “second-class citizens.”

And of course, the only ideological outlet to combat exploitation is Marxism! It was Guevara’s burgeoning desire to *care* for the less fortunate that led him towards unskillful and altruistic communism.

What. A. Joke.

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The Exodus Solution

by Andrea Widburg

The headlines are filled with reports telling how Florida governor Ron DeSantis dropped illegal aliens off in Martha's Vineyard, a sanctimonious Democrat city. Then Texas governor Greg Abbott, who first put into effect the idea of shipping illegal aliens away from overwhelmed border towns, did even better than that: he shipped illegal aliens directly to Kamala Harris's house, just days after she assured Americans that "the border is secure." There's no word from Harris yet about her new guests, but New York, D.C., Chicago, Martha's Vineyard, and the leftist Twitterati are all melting down—just as was foretold in Exodus.

Whenever the illegal aliens arrive in a Democrat region, the same people who screamed about "kids in cages," castigated border regions for their racist response to being overrun by millions of illegal aliens, and (officially or unofficially) made it plain they're the kind of good people who welcome illegal aliens are now having a complete meltdown when those same illegal aliens arrive on their doorsteps.

Chris Hayes is representative of the shock and horror these once sanctimonious leftists are displaying as the welcome signs they once waved for illegal aliens are suddenly being taken seriously.

Brianne Nadeau, a member of the D.C. Council, is another perfect example of someone who was for illegal immigration in theory but is less excited when it happens in fact:

Congratulations, Brianne! We're all border towns now.

But here's what's so great about what's happening: the Democrat response was foretold in Exodus. The Old Testament was long ago leading the way on this one.

As I'm sure all of you recall, it took ten plagues before Pharaoh would finally let the Jewish people go. That's because the first nine only minimally affected him in his palace. As long as his throne remained secure, he was content to see the Egyptian people suffer through the previous nine plagues (blood, frogs, insects, wild animals, plague, boils, hail, locusts, and darkness). It was only when God sent a plague that directly affected Pharaoh that he finally acknowledged that there was a problem that needed to be addressed:

And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have said.

Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also. (Exodus 12:29-32)

There it is: suffering effects change in a country only when it touches the ruling class.

America labors under the burden of a political class that is completely insulated from the policies it enforces against ordinary Americans. Whether it's the left's criminal justice policies, leaving Americans more vulnerable to all types of crime than ever, or its border policies, which see American communities overrun with people bringing diseases, drugs, sex-trafficking, crime, and increased competition for low-wage jobs in their wake, leftist power brokers remain insulated. They live in safe communities; have armed guards; and are far from the day-to-day struggles of crime, sickness, drugs, and unemployment. They are mini-Pharaohs.

Finally, though, these mini-Pharaohs are facing just a taste of the realities that flow from their policies, and, like Pharaoh himself, they are not happy.

Until recently, Biden's administration has been shipping illegal aliens to red communities across America, keeping the ill effects of their arrival far from his constituents. Now that conservatives are finally turning this policy on its head, it's important to keep up the pressure until they, like Pharaoh, crack under the strain.

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Islam's Newest Defender

by William Kilpatrick

In the late 1930s Catholic historian Hillaire Belloc wrote:

"It [Islam] is, as a fact, the most formidable and persistent enemy which our civilization has had and may at any moment become as large a menace in the future as it has been in the past..."

It seemed an unlikely prediction. At the time, the Islamic world was practically moribund. A comeback did not seem to be in the cards. Yet, Belloc was proved right. Within four decades, Islam was once again a power to be reckoned with.

Had he lived, however, even Belloc would have been surprised to find that one of the chief agents of Islam's resuscitation was his own beloved Catholic Church. Although Belloc referred to Islam as a "formidable and persistent enemy," by the end of the century, practically

no “respectable” Catholic would have described Islam as an “enemy.” On the contrary, Islam had become a “fellow Abrahamic faith” which, we were told, shared much in common with Catholicism.

At one time, the Catholic Church had defended the West against Islam, but by the beginning of the 21st century, the Church had become a reliable defender of Islam against its critics.

Despite abundant evidence to the contrary, Catholic leaders and educators assured the world that Islam had nothing to do with violence. They also insisted that “Islam” means “peace” and that “jihad” is an “interior struggle.” If you disagreed with any of this you were dismissed as an “Islamophobe.”

But I’m getting ahead of myself. The Church’s mission to fight “Islamophobia” came later. First came the Second Vatican Council and the 1965 declaration *Nostra Aetate*. *Nostra Aetate* was intended to examine the relation of the Church to non-Christian religions. In particular it sought to consider “what men have in common.”

What do Muslims and Christians have in common? Here’s the key passage:

They adore the one God, living and subsisting in Himself; merciful and all powerful, the Creator of heaven and earth, who has spoken to men; they take pains to submit wholeheartedly to even His inscrutable decrees, just as Abraham, with whom the faith of Islam takes pleasure in linking itself, submitted to God. Though they do not acknowledge Jesus as God, they revere Him as prophet. They also honor Mary, His virgin Mother; at times they even call on her with devotion. In addition, they await the day of judgment when God will render their deserts to all those who have been raised up from the dead. Finally, they value the moral life and worship God especially through prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

In short, Islam was just like Catholicism. . . except it wasn’t. The Council fathers had come up with a list of surface similarities between Islam and Catholicism, but had ignored the deep differences.

For example, Catholics and Muslims supposedly worship the same God. And sure enough, the God adored by Catholics is “merciful and all powerful”—just like the Muslim God. But unlike the Muslim God He is also a Trinity—something that Muslims vehemently deny. He is also, from the Catholic point of view, a Father. Again, this is vehemently rejected by Muslims. In fact, to say that God is a father is, from the Muslim point of view the height of blasphemy. Moreover, in Islamic scripture, Allah is always associated with the Prophet Muhammad. In fact, when a Muslim avows that “there is no God but Allah,” he is obliged to add “And Muhammad is the prophet of Allah.” Unfortunately for the “same God” thesis, the name “Muhammad” does not appear anywhere in the Bible.

Strike one! The pious belief that Muslims and Catholics worship the same God does not hold water. The “common-ground” thesis is built on very shoddy scholarship.

But wait! There is a man named “Jesus” in the Koran, and he is considered a great prophet. So, you can at least say that Muslims and Catholics both “revere” Jesus. Perhaps the common-ground thesis is intact, after all. The only problem is, it’s not the same Jesus. On the one hand, you have Jesus of Nazareth, on the other hand, you have the Jesus of the Koran, who does not resemble the former in any way, shape, or form.

Jesus of Nazareth is a recognizable human being, who eats and drinks and converses with his disciples in a recognizably human way. He also says things of startling and profound originality, causing many to say with wonderment, “no man has ever spoken like this before.”

The Koran, on the other hand, provides no details on the life of the Koranic Jesus. He has no substance, and practically nothing of interest to say. He is little more than a cardboard cutout. If you think I exaggerate, then read the Koran for yourself. In doing so, you may well find yourself wondering if the Council fathers and their “expert” advisers ever bothered to do the same.

Strike two! The pious belief that the Jesus of the Gospels and the Jesus of the Koran share anything in

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common other than the same name is completely untenable.

But how about the final point? —the one in which the Council fathers assure us that “they [Muslims] value the moral life”? This is particularly misleading because the Council fathers must certainly have known that the Muslim moral code differs markedly in many respects from the Catholic moral code. The Muslim moral code allows for polygamy, child brides, wife beating, stoning for adultery, and execution for apostasy.

Oh! There’s one more thing. In the last sentence of the first paragraph of the section “on the Moslems,” the Council fathers mention that “[Muslims] worship God especially through prayers, almsgiving, and fasting.” But they forgot to mention “jihad,” even though the Koran explicitly states that jihad is more pleasing to God than prayer and almsgiving.

How could they have forgotten to mention the thing that is most pleasing to God—namely, jihad? It’s difficult to avoid the impression that the authors of the Muslim section had been deliberately dishonest.

And the deception continued. In the wake of the Council, the Church set up numerous Muslim-Catholic dialogues, Centers for Muslim-Christian Understanding, and Abrahamic faith initiatives of various kinds. And all of them presented a Pollyannish portrait of Islam.

When the English edition of the new *Catechism of the Catholic Church* appeared in 1994 it didn’t say much about the Muslims—only that “together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind’s judge on the last day.” It wasn’t much to go on, but it did seem to suggest that Muslims were on the side of the angels. So, when Muslims struck New York and Washington on September 11, 2001, it seemed safe to assume as so many in government and media were saying that “this has nothing to do with Islam.” Moreover, once it became known that Muslims revered Jesus and honored Mary, all subsequent Islamic attacks could be dismissed as the work of a tiny minority of extremists who had misunderstood the peaceful tenets of the Islamic faith. And when Muslims began migrating into Europe by the millions, Catholic prelates only had to remind their flocks that “in the face of the migrant we see the face of Jesus.”

On the other hand, it didn’t pay to see the face of Jesus in the face of persecuted Christians. When Pope Benedict XVI asked for greater protection of persecuted

Christians in Egypt, Ahmed al-Tayeb, the grand imam of Al-Azhar University cut-off the dialogue with the Vatican and wouldn’t resume it until Benedict’s successor, Francis, agreed not to criticize Islamic persecutions of Christians. Francis, of course, thought this was a good deal: the dialogue was his pet project—one that must be preserved at all costs.

The Church had for all intents and purposes become an enabler of Islam. But it wasn’t like the aiding and abetting of yore. In those days, some traitor or other would open the gates of the city to the enemy. In the modern era, the Pope simply warns the Christian population that if they don’t open the borders of Europe to the Muslim horde, they are guilty of closing the door of the inn on the Holy Family.

Belloc was right about Islam. It would return as a formidable enemy of Western Civilization. But Western Civilization—including the Catholic Church—couldn’t accept the fact of enmity and it invented all sorts of reasons why Islam and the West were really the best of friends. The Church which once had a well-deserved reputation for being both a Church of faith and reason even mistook Islam for a religion of peace.

The Ayatollah Khomeini could have set them straight on that. The man who overthrew the Shah of Iran once declared:

Those who know nothing of Islam pretend that Islam counsels against war. Those are witless. Islam says: Whatever good there is exists thanks to the sword...People cannot be made obedient except with the sword! The sword is the key to paradise, which can be opened only for Holy warriors.

Despite the Ayatollah’s warning, there still seems to be a constant supply of “witless” ones in the Church who “pretend that Islam counsels against war.” Chief among them is Francis who in his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, asserted that “authentic Islam and a proper reading of the Koran are opposed to every form of violence.”

It’s a remarkable statement, and also provably false. Moreover, it puts Christians in danger by misleading them about the nature of Islam. Catholic apologists for Islam have been repeating similar lies about Islam ever since the mid-sixties. Will they ever be held to account? One sincerely hopes so.

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