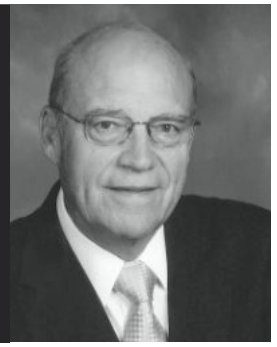




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The Communist Worldview

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A worldview is a pattern or bunch of ideas, beliefs, or convictions that speak to at least the following categories: theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history. Needless to say, Communism indeed speaks to all ten and hence is a major worldview.

“It is clear as the sun and evident as the day that there is no God; and still more, that there can be no God.”—Ludwig Feuerbach

1. Communist theology—“We Communists are atheists.” Chou En-lai. “Our program [Communism] necessarily includes the propaganda of atheism.” V. I. Lenin. “My atheism is merely the unconscious and actual atheism of modern humanity and science, made conscious, untwisted and openly declared.” Ludwig Feuerbach. “Communism is that stage of historical development which makes all existing religions superfluous and supersedes them.” Karl Marx. “We must combat religion, that is the ABC of Marxism.” V.I. Lenin. “Science will become materialistic, hence truly scientific; God will be banished from the laboratories as well as from the schools.” William Z. Foster. *The Atheist's Handbook* was published in Moscow in 1959. “Science says the *Handbook* has long since established that Jesus Christ never existed.” “The problem of Communism is not an economic problem. The problem of Communism is the problem of atheism.” Feodor Dostoevsky. “Communism is, in fact, man’s second oldest faith. Its promise was whispered in the first days of the Creation under the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. ‘Ye shall be as gods.’ It is the great alternative faith of mankind. The Communist vision is the vision of Man without God.” Whittaker Chambers.

2. Communist philosophy—“The real unity of the world consists in its materiality.” Frederick Engels. “Dialectics reveals that development proceeds by a process, in which the given situation, or thing, or idea, always gives birth to its exact antithesis, opposite; and in so doing creates a tension, a struggle which becomes the motive power for change, progress, as the antithesis struggles with its mother, the thesis. Until out of the struggle a new stage in history—be it of the situation, of the thing, or of the idea—is reached, namely the synthesis—and this, in turn, becomes the starting point of another round, by giving birth once more in its opposite.” V. I. Lenin “The belief that matter is the basic ingredient of reality—indeed, the only ingredient—underlies all Marxist philosophy.” Maurice Cornforth. “One cannot become a fully conscious, convinced Communist without studying Marxist philosophy.” V. I. Lenin. Marxist’s philosophy is known as Dialectical Materialism and centers around Hegel’s thesis/antithesis/synthesis. An aside—“A little philosophy inclineth man’s mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men’s minds to religion.” Francis Bacon

3. Communist ethics—“Is there such a thing as communist ethics? Is there such a thing as communist morality? Of course there is. We reject any morality based on extra human and extra class concepts [e.g., God’s commandments]. We say that this is deception, dupery, stultification of the workers and peasants in the interest of the land owners and capitalists.” V. I. Lenin. “With the rest of my generation I firmly believed that the ends justify the means. Our great goal was the universal triumph of Communism, and for the sake of that goal everything was permissible—to lie, to steal, to destroy hundreds of thousands and even millions of people, all those who were hindering our work and could hinder it, everyone who stood in the way.” Lev Kopelev. “A revolutionary must become a cold killing machine motivated by pure hate. We execute from revolutionary conviction.” Ernesto ‘Che’ Guevara. “Kill all the rich people. Break up their cars and apartments. Bring the revolution home. Kill your parents. I’m a radical, leftist, small ‘c’ communist.” Bill Ayers. “We do not believe in an eternal morality, and we expose the deceit of all the fables about morality. Morality serves the purpose of helping human society to rise to a higher level and to get rid of the exploitation of labour.” V. I. Lenin. The total human cost of Communism through the present time stands at 170 million dead.

4. Communist biology—“During the past four weeks I have read all sorts of things. Among others Darwin’s work *On Natural Selection*. And though it is written in the crude English style, this is the book which contains the basis in natural science for our view.” Frederick Engels. “Taken in the broadly materialist and dialectical sense, Marxism is the application of Darwinism to human society.” Leon Trotsky. “Nowadays, in our evolutionary concepts of the universe, there is absolutely no room for either a creator or a ruler.” Frederick Engels. “Evolution prepares for revolution and

creates the ground for it; revolution consummates the process of evolution and facilitates its further activity.” Joseph Stalin. “Marxist philosophical materialism remains beyond all doubt, that at some time or other in the remote past life must have arisen from non-living matter...without the intervention of any forces of an immaterial, spiritual or ‘divine’ character.” M. A. Leonov. “Spontaneous generation is the only practical refutation of the theory of creation.” Karl Marx.

5. Communist psychology—“The existence of the mind is shown to be dependent upon that of the body, in that the mind is declared to be secondary, a function of the brain, or a reflection of the outer world.” V. I. Lenin. “Marxism is rooted in the philosophy of dialectical materialism. Its materialist viewpoint excludes religious, supernatural, or idealist views. Thus, in psychology, it excludes the idea of a supernatural soul as explanation of human behavior.” Joseph Nahem. “The work of Ivan Pavlov and others in physiology is viewed as a confirmation of materialist epistemology since it confirms the reliance of mental processes on physiological processes.” Joseph Nahem. “Psychology is the science of the laws of development and formation of the psyche, man’s consciousness, as a property of highly-organized matter.” Joseph Nahem.

6. Communist sociology—“Bourgeois [property owners] marriage is in reality a system of wives in common and thus, at the most, what the Communists might possibly be reproached with, is that they desire to introduce, in substitution for a hypocritically concealed union, an openly legalized community of women.” Karl Marx. “With the transfer of the means of production into common ownership [communism], the single family ceases to be the economic unit of society. The care and education of the children becomes a public affair; soviets look after all children, whether they are legitimate or not.” Frederick Engels. “What Marx and Engels called the dialectical method—as against the metaphysical—is nothing else than the scientific method in sociology, which consists of regarding society as a living organism in a state of constant development.” V. I. Lenin

7. Communist law—“Marxism-Leninism gives a clear definition (the only scientific definition) of the essence of law. It teaches that legal relationships (and, consequently law itself) are rooted in the material conditions of life, and that law is merely the will of the dominant class, elevated into a statute.” Andrei Vyshinsky. “Marxism has rejected all appeals to ‘an eternal justice’ so characteristic of the old moral doctrines. For us, wrote V.I. Lenin, justice is subordinated to our interest in overthrowing capitalism.” A. Shishkin. “In our Soviet state, measures are taken to see to it that the court is in reality a conductor of the policy of the Communist party and the Soviet regime.”

V. I. Lenin. “Soviet law is what the KGB says it is.” Arnold Beichman.

8. Communist politics—“The art of politics lies in correctly gauging the conditions and the moment when the vanguard of the proletariat [propertyless class] can successfully seize power.” V. I. Lenin. “The essence of Marx’s theory of the state has been mastered only by those who realize that the dictatorship of a single class is necessary not only for every class society in general, not only for the proletariat which has overthrown the bourgeoisie, but also for the entire historical period which separates capitalism from classless society, from communism.” V. I. Lenin. “Democracy is of enormous importance to the working class in its struggle against the capitalists for its emancipation. But democracy is by no means a boundary not to be overstepped: it is only one of the stages on the road from feudalism to capitalism, and from capitalism to communism.” V. I. Lenin.

9. Communist economics—“The theory of Communism may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private property.” Karl Marx. “Communist society means that everything—the land, the factories—is owned in common. Communism means working in common.” V. I. Lenin. “I am a convinced socialist. As we dismantle the Stalinist system, we are not retreating from socialism but are moving toward it.” Mikhail Gorbachev. “The anatomy of a communist society may be described as a society in which: a) there will be no private ownership of the means of production but social collective ownership.” Joseph Stalin. “The political economy of socialism is a living, rapidly developing science.” Frederick Engels. “Outside of socialism there is no salvation for mankind from war, hunger, and the further destruction of millions of human beings.” V. I. Lenin. “It is impossible to establish communism as the immediate successor to capitalism...Hence, communists work for the establishment of socialism as a necessary stage on the road to communism.” John Strachey. “The goal of socialism is communism.” V. I. Lenin. “We can’t expect the American people to jump from Capitalism to Communism, but we can assist their elected leaders in giving them small doses of Socialism until they awaken one day to find that they have Communism.” Nikita Khrushchev. An aside, as of today the death total for Communism (1917f) is 170 million dead.

10. Communist history—“Historical Materialism is a Marxist theory which states that all of human history results from matter’s obedience to the laws of the dialectic.” Maurice Cornforth. “The materialist conception of history starts from the principle that production, and with production, the exchange of its products, is the basis of every social order.” Frederick Engels. “Salvation, for the Marxist, lies in the consummation of the historical process in a one-world utopia. All nations will arrive at socialism—that is

inevitable.” V. I. Lenin. “I am a Bolshevik.” W.E.B. DuBois. “I went to Communism as one goes to a fresh spring of water...an anti-Communist is a dog.” Pablo Picasso. “I’m wearing a Chairman Mao badge, that’s where it’s at. I’m just beginning to think he’s doing a good job.” John Lennon, author of *Working Class Hero*. “Everywhere I hear the sounds of marching, charging feet, boy. The sound of fear and the time is ripe for rising in the streets, boy. The time is right for violent revolution.” Mick Jagger. “The latest Marxism-Leninism manifesto titled *The Coming Insurrection* is printed and distributed by the MIT Press, Cambridge, MA. The work calls for a violent revolution of Western Civilization with Communism being the goal. The authors chose to remain anonymous.” “I would think that if you understood what communism was, you would hope, you would pray on your knees, that we would someday become communists.” Jane Fonda. “Two of my favorite philosophers are Mao Tse-tung and Mother Teresa—two people I turn to most.” Anita Dunn. “I am a Leninist. Lenin wasn’t afraid to dirty his hands. If you get power, grab it...we need Marx more than ever.” Slavoj Zizek. “History is the judge—its executioner, the proletarian.” Karl Marx.

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The Fall of Athens

by Jeffrey Folks

The Athenian democracy fell to Sparta in 404 B.C. That disaster was not inevitable; it was the result of a series of poor decisions, themselves the result of greed and self-interest on the part of various factions.

Had the Athenians not followed the advice of a charismatic but rash leader, Alcibiades (whom they then exiled, driving him to the other side, where he served as an adviser before returning to Athens to unleash further mischief), they might not have sent their fleet to Syracuse, where it was destroyed. Nor would they have built the wall that “protected” the city—for a short while—but also *walled themselves off* from their

lucrative silver mines and agricultural fields. Had they not walled themselves into crowded conditions, the plague that ravaged Athens in the last years of the Peloponnesian War might have been less severe. If they had not alienated their allies with their arrogance and burdensome taxation, they might not have driven some of them into the Spartan camp, hastening their own isolation and defeat.

In the end, nothing could save the Athenian democracy from itself. There was too much of the arrogance of a great power; too much willingness to follow the lead of impetuous leaders; too much risk, including military actions far from home; too much economic and class division; and there was not the wise conservatism that makes provision for unforeseen events, such as the decimating plague that struck Athens in 430 B.C., continuing until 426, reducing available manpower and upsetting the social order.

History doesn’t repeat, but it rhymes. Under Obama and Biden, America’s military power has been undermined as funds were unwisely shifted to “social justice” and environmental programs. Under Biden, illegal immigration and government spending surged, both to unsustainable levels. Under Biden, America distanced itself from some of its most important allies, including Israel, Britain, and Saudi Arabia. Under Biden, America’s lack of strength emboldened our enemies, leading to the outbreak of war on two fronts and potential wars on others for which we are unprepared. The parallels are many and sobering.

Still, American decline is not inevitable. Yes, there are negative forces at work: divisiveness as progressives become more and more intransigent (now declaring no less than AOC their most popular leader), a selfish and corrupt populace, and the softening effects of affluence.

But still it’s not too late: America can rouse itself and return to greatness, and to the national security and purpose that go with it. As we near the tipping point of national debt and loss of military strength, we can return to health by making sacrifices to restore ourselves. Across-the-board cuts of 10 percent in government spending (except for military), combined with DOGE cuts, would bring budgets into balance. Elimination of entire departments and agencies would be enough to do so. No one, except the bureaucrats who work there, would miss it if a hundred agencies were shuttered. What do Education, Commerce, Job Corps, Teacher Corps, public television and radio, HUD, and a hundred others do for me, except make taxes higher and life more expensive?

In the event of war, much greater sacrifices would be needed than shuttering agencies. Rationing, longer work hours, and less consumption would all be necessary. Plus it would be necessary to accept the loss of young lives on a scale perhaps not seen since WWII. The willingness

of the public to accept losses in blood and treasure is a requirement of greatness.

As in ancient Greece, there will be surprises. There has already been an attack of COVID, whether that was deliberate or not, but certainly arising in a Chinese lab. There will be another war, another financial crisis, another housing crisis, further division in our peoples. They will appear to come out of nowhere; they will surprise what has become an aging and complacent population.

One essential factor is our ability to stand up to China, something we can only do by forcing a fair trade agreement. To do so will require sacrifice: higher prices on goods imported from China and perhaps temporary shortages of some goods. That doesn't sound like a good deal, but it is nothing if it will prevent a shooting war by weakening China economically and militarily.

After Athens fell to Sparta, Athens was occupied by its enemy, and it never returned to the greatness it had once enjoyed. America can remain the dominant country it is only if we work together and sacrifice on behalf of the nation. Specifically, this means giving up benefits of questionable value and shifting funds to defense. It means that the federal budget must be balanced so as to bring about fiscal strength. That means closing entire departments and numerous agencies. The left will protest that Trump is "killing" women and children—the oldest progressive canard in the book—but cuts in meaningless "services" are a small price to pay for the nation's survival.

There is no reason why American democracy should fall. "A republic, if you can keep it," Benjamin Franklin said to Elizabeth Powel when asked about our form of government. Prior generations have done a magnificent job of keeping it, but liberals who whine about the deportation of a criminal alien to El Salvador, where he is already a citizen, are undermining our republic just as surely as those who attack it from outside. Americans need to unite in support of mass deportations of illegals, and they need to restore safe cities, free of gangs.

For weeks Democrats used the buzzword "chaos" to attack Trump. What could be more chaotic than demanding the return of an illegal alien in mid-air, or even after he had reached his homeland, where he was jailed for criminal activity?

Athens fell because of divisions between landowners and city-dwellers, between those who would fund the military and those who hesitated, between those who were corrupt and those who were not or who were corrupt in other ways. A republic can be preserved only through unity and a sense of purpose. It may take a crisis to see whether those qualities exist in America. There are too many who care more about Minecraft or Crash4, or about their hair color or next vacation, than about our nation's defense and the sound fiscal policies that make defense possible.

Our Founders had read history, especially the history of ancient Greece and Rome, and they knew that the survival of a republic depends, above all, on the virtue of its people. Virtue involves self-responsibility, willingness to sacrifice, and strength in the face of obstacles. One can only hope that Americans are more virtuous, in that sense, than they seem at this moment.

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Drowning the Sun

by Eric Utter

Multiple reports, such as one in the U.K. *Telegraph*, indicate that the U.K. is expected to grant approval for geoengineering experiments that would attempt to block light from the sun in an effort to curb global warming/climate change.

The experiments, allegedly to be announced in the coming weeks, are to be carried out by something called the Advanced Research and Invention Agency.

The U.K. government announced the creation of the ARIA, a self-described "independent research body to fund high-risk, high-reward scientific research" several years ago, saying that it will "help to cement the U.K.'s position as a global science superpower, while shaping the country's efforts to build back better through innovation."

It added that the agency was to be led by "prominent, world-leading scientists who will be given the freedom to identify and fund transformational science and technology."

"Geoengineering" is the large-scale attempt to manipulate global environmental processes in order to slow down or reverse global warming.

What could go wrong?!

Some of us far-right Christian conspiracy theorists might posit that the sun was put there specifically to shine its light on us, literally and figuratively, allowing life to flourish and the planet to avoid being locked in darkness and ice for eternity.

But, what the hell.

I, for one, am not particularly comforted by the agency's "high-risk" self-description of its "scientific research."

Our recent encounters with "scientific research," scientists, and experts are similarly problematic, especially those regarding COVID-19 and the pandemic.

"Transformational science and technology" may well be transformational, but not always in a good way ... and quite possibly in a catastrophic one.

It never fails to amaze me how the climate alarmists who bemoan allegedly “man-caused” global warming—or climate change as their needs may be—loudly call for man to interfere, deliberately and experimentally, in the planet’s climate. And the U.K. is not alone in doing so.

Back in 2022, the White House announced a five-year research plan for geoengineering, which would involve spraying fine aerosols into the atmosphere to reflect sunlight away from the Earth. Shortly thereafter, a rogue start-up firm claimed it was starting to do much the same thing.

Bill Gates and George Soros also had plans to block the dastardly sun’s light and send it packing back towards space, as I noted at *American Thinker* early last year, stating:

But how can this be? Who authorized this assault on the atmosphere? Surely Bill Gates and George Soros can’t simply, unilaterally, impose actions intended to affect weather and climate around the globe. Did I miss something? Did the world’s citizens vote on this? Was the global community consulted? Did each and every nation have a say? Farmers and botanists, the elderly and infirm?

The same could of course be said of the Biden White House’s plan and the U.K.’s.

Paraphrasing a song by The Beatles: “Here comes the sun, here comes the sun, and I say, it’s all right. Little darling, it’s been a long cold lonely winter. Little darling, it feels like years since it’s been here.”

The country that birthed the Beatles may soon embark on a program that could potentially make winters longer, colder, lonelier. For everyone.

How can any nation be allowed to do this? What if scientists in, say, Greenland discovered a way to increase the strength of the sun’s rays? Should they be permitted to execute their plans without consulting anyone else on Earth?

Geoengineering has the potential to impact, adversely or positively, all life on earth. Plant growth, dissolved oxygen content on land and in water, economies, the health of ecosystems, animals, and humans, the mood and mental health of people around the planet, etc., etc.

These planned experiments will not help the U.K.’s position as a “global science superpower.” That ship has long sailed. And, if the country truly wanted to “build back better through innovation,” it should consider ceasing the arrest of grandmothers silently praying outside of abortion mills and tasking its scientists with finding ways of stopping the incessant knife attacks that young male Muslim immigrants are perpetrating on its citizens.

Oh, well, the sun will come out tomorrow. Unless it doesn’t.

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Harvard Bites the Dust

by A.J. Meinick

Debate is currently swirling over whether the Trump Administration may attempt to strip Harvard of its tax-exempt status regarding what many believe is its inadequate response to antisemitism on campus and related issues. Harvard is not only America’s oldest university; it is also the nation’s oldest corporation and also the first *eleemosynary* corporation, that is, one dedicated to charitable or benevolent purposes. Though now a secular university, Harvard’s 1650 corporate charter, which is still in legal effect, dedicates the institution to the pursuit of both “knowledge and godliness.” Many might argue that modern Harvard, having long ago jettisoned its Puritan roots, now pursues *ungodliness* instead!

John Adams made sure that Harvard’s corporate status became enshrined in the Massachusetts Constitution. Chapter V, Articles I–III, deal specifically with Harvard:

[I]t is declared, that all the said gifts, grants, devises, legacies and conveyances, are hereby forever confirmed unto the president and fellows of Harvard College, ... according to the true intent and meaning of the donor or donors....

Current debate has focused on whether Harvard’s recent actions are contrary to “public policy” as defined by the Administration. This relates back to the 1983 case, *Bob Jones University vs. United States* 461 U.S. 574 (1983), where the US Supreme Court held that an institution receiving tax-exempt status must be “in harmony with the public interest, and the institution’s purpose must not be so at odds with the common community conscience as to undermine any public benefit that might otherwise be conferred.”

The battle over “public policy” and whether Harvard may have violated it with regard to failing to deal adequately with antisemitism will continue to be played out in the courts and in the court of public opinion. But there is another issue that also deserves scrutiny, and that is the question of donor intent with respect to religion-based bequests to Harvard.

Though now in the minority, there has always been a remnant of strong religious faith at Harvard. This was captured in Kelly Kullberg’s 1996 book, *Finding God at Harvard: Spiritual Journeys of Thinking Christians*. In 2023, Harvard Law School’s Program on Biblical Law and Christian Legal Studies (yes, there is such an entity!) sponsored a unique gathering of Christian alumni called “Faith & Veritas 2023.” This gathering, plus the establishment of the Veritas Forum, which was founded by Kullberg (who is no longer part of the organization), promotes Christian values and discussions about what faith means, especially on Ivy

League campuses, beginning at Harvard. But not because the university was pleased to be a facilitator. With few exceptions, most such efforts or requests over the decades have either been shunned, sidelined, or dismissed by “official” Harvard.

Donor intent is governed by a legal doctrine known as *cy pres*, where a legal authority attempts to determine whether or not an entity that has received donations or bequests has made every reasonable effort to fulfill the original intent of the donor. In 1898, a widow named Nannie Yulee Noble established the annual William Beldon Noble Lectures at Harvard in memory of her husband, who had been a divinity student. The bequest was very specifically intended “to continue the mission of her husband, whose supreme desire was to extend the influence of Jesus as ‘the Way, the Truth, and the Life,’” as well as serving as an “inspiration to Christian Missions for the conversion of the world.” The bequest’s statutes added that the “scope of the Lectures is believed to be as wide as the highest interests of humanity.”

A person who attended some ten years’ worth of Noble Lectures at Harvard observed that she had only heard the name “Jesus” mentioned once in all that time. This clearly seems in contravention of the donor’s “true intent.” But by ostensibly using the phrase, “the highest interests of humanity,” Harvard has found a loophole to drive not merely a truck through, but an entire fleet of trucks! Over the years the lecture series has promoted a circus of causes that seem to have nothing whatsoever to do with the original intent of the donor. It’s not as if evangelical Christians have disappeared from the planet (although some in power at Harvard might wish that that were the case!), or that none of them have anything valuable to say in our day about Christian missions or “Jesus as ‘the Way, the Truth, and the Life’.” Instead, recent annual Noble Lectures have carried such titles such as, “Considering Hope in a Climate Crisis World” and “The Scandal of Mass Incarceration in the Land of the Free.” The 2024 lecture was given by a Zen Buddhist priest. Something seems seriously amiss here.

Other examples could be cited, such as the Lentz Lectures or the use of Holden Chapel, as well as the use of Phillips Brooks House on the Harvard campus, built in 1901 to honor the Rev. Phillips Brooks (1835–1893). Brooks was a beloved spiritual mentor at Harvard and also the composer of “O Little Town of Bethlehem.” Funds were raised at the time from more than 500 donors. The building was to be used “without distinction of sect or denomination,” for all “forms of spiritual activity, benevolent action, and religious aspiration.” While Christian groups on campus have occasionally been given limited access to the building over the years, it has for the most part been granted only grudgingly. Once again, the donors’ “true intent” seems to have been lost in the process.

Harvard is expert at “re-working” its interpretation of many of these bequests to avoid doing what most reasonable people would think as self-evident, and until now it has been too powerful to have to answer to anyone about it. As I wrote in 2008 in *America’s Oldest Corporation*, “Questions raised in the 1990s and later over how these bequests were being handled were treated dismissively by the University, which refused to turn over any detailed information after repeated requests from various parties.” A terse response from then President Rudenstine and Harvard’s General Counsel stated: “The detailed information you requested about these and other unnamed accounts would be extremely burdensome to collect and produce and will not be made available to you.”

Now, however, in light of all the attention over Harvard’s antisemitism scandal and the current threat to its tax-exempt status, perhaps that situation may change. Harvard needs to be completely transparent regarding not only how US government funds are spent but also give an accounting for how religion-based bequests have been dealt with in the past and what steps Harvard will take in the future to see how these bequests will be fulfilled according to their donors’ “true intent.”

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Islam's War on Non Muslims

by James Zumwalt

In studying historical events, there's a tendency to apply a "what if" analysis. This involves pondering "what if" some other influence had intervened and whether it could have resulted in a more favorable outcome.

For example, what if Colonel George Custer had waited for the reinforcements which were already on the way to assist him before charging into the Battle of the Little Big Horn? Or what if the captain of the Titanic had opted to hit the iceberg straight on rather than trying to glance off its side? Or what if a German soldier during World War I named Adolf Hitler had been killed on the battlefield rather than merely wounded?

In this vein, what if two influential people, who lived in separate eras in history, had lived during the same time frame? Would they have influenced each other in some way?

Take, for example, President Thomas Jefferson (1743–1826), born in the Virginia Colony, and English journalist and poet Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936), born in British India. What if both were able to share insights with each other into a topic of mutual interest—Islam?

It is well known that one of the most knowledgeable presidents in US history on Islam was Jefferson. Having a curiosity about the religion, young law student Jefferson purchased a 1734 translation of the Quran in 1765 that today is part of the Library of Congress collection.

While in London in 1786, Jefferson earned a quick education from Tripoli's Muslim ambassador when he queried him as to why his Barbary Coast pirates were attacking US merchant ships for no reason. The ambassador did not hesitate to make the bold declaration that, as Muslims, it was their right and duty to make war on non-Muslims and to enslave them as prisoners. It was also their belief that any Muslim killed in battle was guaranteed a place in Paradise.

The Tripoli ambassador also explained the Muslim right to sell captured sailors for ransom, and that in order to avoid further attacks, the US would have to pay tribute. Jefferson wrote to Chief Justice John Jay explaining this and that the Muslim justification for attacking the US "was founded on the Laws of their Prophet, [Mohammad] that it was written in their Koran, that all nations who should not become Muslim were sinners, that it was the right and duty of Muslim countries to make war upon non-Muslim countries...."

The US would fight two wars with the pirates—the First Barbary War from 1801–1805 and the Second from 1815–1816. Fortunately, when Jefferson was serving as Secretary of State under President George Washington,

construction of the first six ships of the US Navy was ordered in expectation of confronting the future belligerence of the Muslim pirates. The first war ended with the US paying ransom and tribute; the second ended in a decisive defeat of the pirates and no future tribute payments.

There was a lesson Jefferson learned from his direct experience with the Muslim ambassador that stayed with him for the rest of his life. He saw Islam as incompatible with democracy for two obvious reasons.

First, it was based on the premise it was superior to all other religions, empowering its followers with a perceived right to commit violence to force other religious believers into conversion or submission.

Second, in governing the nation, the Constitution does not unite church and state; however, as far as Islam is concerned, there is no such separation—i.e., both church and state are all-in-one, thus, making the religion incompatible with a constitutional democracy.

Sixty-six years after Jefferson's death, Kipling wrote a poem and, while not directed specifically at Islam, it underscores the inherent cultural incompatibility Islam brings with it in attempting to fit in with Western democracies. Islam becomes the virtual square peg in search of the round hole it will never find.

The situation is underscored in the first line of Kipling's "The Ballad of East and West." It states, "Oh, East is East, and West is West and never the twain shall meet." Clearly, the ballad suggests that differences between some cultures, such as Eastern and Western or Muslim and non-Muslim, are so vast that they can never really be truly bridged. If one recognizes what Islam seeks—i.e., total submission of all other religions to it and a life dictated by sharia law—where Islam exists, by definition, democracy simply cannot exist.

Because Jefferson was serving as minister to France when the Constitution was being drafted, he was not present during discussions concerning the document. Across the Atlantic Ocean in Europe, and based on his knowledge that Islamic culture was a misfit for American culture, he probably believed both cultures would thrive in their separate parts of the world and never the twain would meet.

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Had Jefferson had any idea that Islam would spread its wings and arrive in the New World, it is difficult to believe a man with the great wisdom he and the other founding fathers possessed would not have imposed some necessary limitations within the Constitution.

No one religion may claim superiority—as Islam does—mandating that such other believers transition to Islam, or face death. Nor can an officeholder ignore the separation of church and state to claim they serve as an elected official on behalf of their religion—i.e., in a sectarian capacity rather than a secular one.

Our government has already bent a knee to Islam, particularly during the 21st century. While the offences might seem minor, they have opened the door to anything that may now follow. In 2006, the first Muslim elected to office, Keith Ellison, placed his hand on the Quran once owned by Jefferson to take his oath of office, instead of on the Bible.

For 181 years Congress had banned head coverings from being worn by members but in 2018 with the election of Ilhan Omar, a partial repeal of the ban was allowed so she could wear a headscarf in accordance with Islamic tradition.

Perhaps we ought to reflect on the wisdom and knowledge of Jefferson when considering how much Islam we allow into American society.

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In Honor of David Horowitz

by Olivia Murray

Yesterday, on April 29, 2025, David Horowitz left this world—and we’re all much, *much* poorer for it. (The editors at *FrontPageMagazine* paid him touching homage.)

Horowitz was an intellectual giant. He was gentle but brave, he was principled, and his devotion to freedom and his fellow man came at great personal expense; he gladly directed his God-given talents and treasure to be used not for personal gain, but for advancing the cause of freedom for *others’* sake.

His legacy is one of magnificent mind and service, and he will always be remembered for it.

My first realization about the greatness of David Horowitz came in 2012 or 2013, while doing some of my undergraduate coursework at Portland State University. During this time, I was actually taking a history class from another David Horowitz—a completely unremarkable one—and this professor required that we read *That Nobel Dream* by Peter Novick. I discovered in the footnotes the David Horowitz name, and at that time being only vaguely familiar with the remarkable Horowitz, I asked the professor if the footnote was referring to his own writing and research. He scoffed, thoroughly offended, and said no, “*that* David Horowitz is a total kook, having gone off the rails some time ago.”

(Here’s some irony for you: the Novick book was all about the “noble” pursuit of objectivity in the discipline of history—how’s that coming from a communist leftard who calls an accomplished academic an off-the-rails kook simply because he’s actually being objective?)

It was at this point that I realized the good Horowitz was somebody very, very special—considering that a progressive Portlander had a visceral distaste for the man—so I bought my first Horowitz book: *Unholy Alliance: Radical Islam and the American Left*. Now, while I don’t agree with the book in its entirety (to be fair, a lot of ugly truths have been revealed since it was published in 2004), it was my second realization that he was in fact, a national treasure of a man with great insight, understanding, and prescience.

If you’re familiar with the remarkable Horowitz, you’ll understand my old professor’s comment: Horowitz was a Marxist by birth, having been born into a politically active family that held to the (ostensible) ideals of communism. It was only into adulthood that Horowitz realized he’d been misled—so he spent the rest of his life, *more than four decades*, fighting for truth and morality. See the tribute to this remarkable man and the life he lived, from his eponymous Freedom Center.

There’s something amazing and significant about a brilliant and distinguished academic who can lay down his ego and walk away from the lies that are so ingrained and embedded for the sake of what is objectively right, good, and true—which also happens to be the very same root of any affection for Thomas Sowell.

God bless the legacy of David Horowitz, and may he rest in peace.

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