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“SECRETS OF THE KORAN”

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The Muslims urge everyone who decides to investigate the Koran to feel reverential awe for the book, even before reading it. Millions of people who never open a Koran hear from Muslims that it is a marvelous book. Even some secular scholars extol it. Grill them, though, and most admit to *browsing* a few pages. Some professors are reticent to say anything that would cause Muslim college students to boycott their classes.

With so much hype praising the Koran, a novice expects to feel inspired as he begins reading. Boredom quickly chills expectation. Mohammed, the illiterate Arabian religious leader who dictated the Koran to various scribes in the early 600s, acknowledged himself as **"unlettered" (Koran7:157)**. In 7:183 he described his role as **"that of a plain warner" (Koran)**.

An illiterate with limited intellectual horizons - to fill hundreds of bits of parchment with teaching - does indeed need help from a mind better informed than his own. Or, he must rely heavily on repetition just to fill space. Then he has a problem. How can he repeat, repeat, repeat without boring his readers?

That was precisely Mohammed's quandary.

Chapter 1 in the Koran is only eight verses long, hence the main text begins with chapter 2's 286 verses. Readers encounter banal repetition immediately. In verse 7, Mohammed warns non-Muslims about a **"great punishment"**; i.e., punishment in hell. Three verses later, in verse 10, he again warns of a **"painful chastisement" (Koran, Shakir)**. Thirteen verses later he writes of **"the fire whose fuel is men. . . [it is] prepared for the unbelievers" (v. 23)**.

This in turn is echoed in verse 39 where infidels are described as **"inmates of the fire; and there they shall abide forever."** Still another warning of damnation comes up in verse 48. Verse 81 again warns that evildoers **"shall be inmates of the fire, there shall they abide forever."** Four verses later he writes of **"grievous punishment on the day of resurrection" (v. 79)**, followed in verse 86 by **"Their punishment shall not be mitigated,"** and a grim warning of **"God's curse" falling upon infidels (v.89)!** Verse 90 includes the phrase **"wrath upon wrath" resulting in "a disgraceful punishment for unbelievers" (Shakir)**. Verse 96 warns of God's **"scourge,"** followed two verses later with the threat: **"God is the enemy of the unbelievers" (v. 98)**.

Government

We have allowed our constitutional republic to deteriorate into a virtually unchecked direct democracy. Today's political process is nothing more than a street fight between various groups seeking to vote themselves other people's money. Individual voters tend to support the candidate that promises them the most federal loot in whatever form, rather than the candidate who will uphold the rule of law." --Rep. Ron Paul

Comment: There are three basic forms of government;

1. *Rule of Law. (Constitutional Republic)*
2. *Democracy. (Called Mobacracy)*
3. *Dictatorship, Tyranny or some form of "ism". (Socialism, Communism etc.)*

When you study the changes in government they will go slowly from no. 1 to no. 2 and then quickly to no. 3. The danger to the US is we are slowly moving from no. 1 to no. 2. If we do not stop this movement we will end up quickly in no. 3. God forbid... Ed.

A federal judge overturn a nearly 60 percent majority of California voters who passed Proposition 187 in 1994, but another single federal judge in Sacramento is at this moment threatening to cancel the California recall election!

Rep. Robert Aderholt's (R-AL) Ten Commandments Defense Act (H.R.2045), declares the display of the Ten Commandments on state property to be within the powers the Constitution reserves to the states, thereby removing challenges from federal court jurisdiction. His bill passed the House in 1999 (but not the Senate), and currently has 64 co-sponsors.

It is possible that the Supreme Court may use procedural grounds to duck the issues in the lead cases on the Pledge of Allegiance, the Ten Commandments, and the definition of marriage. The dozens of cases arising all over the country make it imperative for Congress to withdraw jurisdiction on these three issues from all federal courts, and any Member of Congress who defaults in this duty should be defeated in 2004. *from the Eagle Forum.*

Senator Wayne Allard of Colorado has given Americans a method to restore our religious liberties by introducing a bill, S. 1558, called the "Religious Liberties Restoration Act."

S. 1558 is a legislative statute which would nullify the authority of federal courts to make judgments regarding the public display of the Ten Commandments, the National Motto and the Pledge of Allegiance. A simple majority and the signature of the President is all that's needed for this bill to pass. No constitutional amendment is needed.
From the *American Family Association.*

Note that both of these bills gives authority back to the States and takes the authority from the Federal judiciary. See the 10th Amendment. Any state can then set limits its' citizens desire.

Action: Write to all three of your elected Federal officials, one Congressman and two Senators and insist they support bills H.R.2045&S. 1558 to rein in the courts.

The views expressed herein are the views of the Editor, Vernon Fix

The United Nations Wants America's Armed Forces

That American blood and taxes are being used for military operations unrelated to U.S. defense? A May, 2000 Joint Chiefs of Staff report states that since 1990 more than 55 "Operations Other Than War"(military engagements now called "peace-keeping" or "humanitarian" missions)have cost U.S. taxpayers over \$21 billion - more than \$4 billion in 2000 alone. Of course, there is no price tag imaginable for American soldiers who have been killed in UN-sanctioned, UN-led "Operations Other Than War" such as Somalia.

That the UN is being given control of our military? U.S. forces have been sent to the Persian Gulf and Somalia to carryout UN resolutions. And they were sent to the Balkans under the authority of NATO, a regional subsidiary of the UN. In the Balkans and Somalia, they have been placed under foreign commanders who view the secretaries-general of the UN and NATO not the U.S. president as their commander in chief.

That U.S. military personnel are being prepared to become United Nations soldiers? Approximately 300 U.S. Marines stationed at Twenty-Nine Palms, California, got a reality check in 1994 when they were required to participate in a "Combat Arms Survey" asking how they felt about statements such as:

- "[T]he President of the United States has the authority to pass his responsibilities as Commander-in-Chief to the UN Secretary General";
- "I would swear to the following code: 'I am a United Nations fighting person'"; and
- "I would fire upon U.S. citizens who refuse or resist confiscation of firearms banned by the U.S. government."

From the New American.

Comment: Write to your electeds. It is time we got out of the UN and rescind all treaties with the UN. Our very soveriennty is at stake. Ed.

Have a Great Day!!!