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"SECRETS OF THE KORAN"

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POLYGAMY AND ISLAM'S PROPHET

Along with the plunder and ransom money Mohammed and his followers amassed were captive *women*. What rules did he give to govern the behavior of male captors with their female captives?

Mohammed knew that men who are responsible for female orphans, let alone feminine slaves, might be tempted to violate them sexually. He advised men thus tempted to marry "other women. . . two, three or four of them" (Koran 4:3) to help them keep their thoughts distracted from comely young adoptees. Note that *two* is the minimum number Mohammed suggested. Monogamy, apparently, was not even to be considered. And because Mohammed mentioned four, everywhere in the world that Islam's Sharia law supercedes other laws, Muslim men are permitted four wives.

M. M. Ali, eager to excuse Mohammed's failure to urge self control or monogamy instead of polygamy as a solution for male temptation, assures monogamous Western readers: "This passage permits polygamy under certain circumstances; it does not enjoin it." If that is true, why couldn't at least one wife be listed in 4:3 as one of the options? Still, in spite of Mohammed's failure even to mention monogamy in 4:3 as acceptable, Ali wants us to believe that the Koran favors calling human societies away from polygamy toward monogamy.

Polygamy for the strong, monogamy for the weak is clearly Mohammed's policy!

MOHAMMED, MARRIAGE AND SLAVES

In Mecca, Mohammed was not violent, nor was he a robber or polygamist. In Medina, by his own choice, he became all three and more. A man known for self-control is even more contemptible if he abandons self-control than a man who lived as a rake and a scoundrel from his youth.

What were Mohammed's reasons for changing? Every indicator following Mohammed's arrival in Medina points to his decision to build up a fighting force that would not only plunder Mecca's caravans and expel or kill Medina's Jews, but also eventually be large enough to defeat the hostile Arabs who expelled him from his hometown, Mecca.

Prescribing his original monogamy as a standard for pagan men would, of course, have turned away many a pagan man Mohammed coveted for a rapid buildup of his fighting force. Or did he feel that 25 years of monogamy in Mecca earned him the right just to live it up in Medina?

Verse 33:50, interestingly, admits a need to shield Mohammed from *blame* for having sex with so many women. Concerning "God" and Mohammed, one wonders which was

INSIGHT

"Being a lover of freedom, when the (Nazi) revolution came, I looked to the universities to defend it, knowing that they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth; but no, the universities were immediately silenced.

Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers, whose flaming editorials in days gone by had proclaimed their love of freedom; but they, like the universities, were silenced in a few short weeks...Only the Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth.

I never had any special interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration for it because the Church alone has had the courage and persistence to stand for intellectual and moral freedom. I am forced to confess that what I once despised I now praise unreservedly." --Albert Einstein from *Kampi und Zeugnis der bekennenden Kirche* quoted in the *Federalist* 8-25-03

"Our Senate always opens with a prayer, followed by an investigation." --Will Rogers

NEWS BRIEFS

...The Mississippi Supreme Court has issued a landmark ruling that recognizes an unborn child as a person with rights. The ruling paves the way for wrongful death lawsuits on behalf of unborn children to proceed. The court's decision said that a child who has developed so that he or she moves in the mother's womb is a legally defined person protected by Mississippi law. Pat Cartrette, director of Right to Life of Jackson, says the ruling is definitely a step in the right direction. She says 3,500 "quick" babies -- babies that can swim inside of the womb -- were aborted in Mississippi in 2001, but the court's 2003 ruling pushes the issue out to society and challenges what she calls the nation's "schizophrenic attitude toward unborn babies." Cartrette insists that individuals must look at the facts and decide to protect "these little humans." She adds that pro-abortion forces are in an uproar because, more than anything, they fear any ruling that reinforces the personhood of an unborn child. *From the AGAPEPRESS.*

Federal Budget Deficits Explode

A recent update from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) projects a fiscal year 2003 deficit of \$455 billion, followed by a \$475 billion gap in 2004. These

the servant and which was the master? Mohammed reduced his God virtually to the level of a procurer, a mere auxiliary to himself.

Rules for Making a Female Slave an "Honest Woman"

Occasionally a Muslim man would decide that a captive woman whom Mohammed had given him to use as a sex slave should be his wife instead. Chapter 4 in Mohammed's Koran lays down three conditions that had to be fulfilled before a mere slave could be the wife of a Muslim man. M. M. Ali lists them:

1. The slave must be a believer (see Koran 4:25).
2. A man must persuade the community that he cannot afford the bride price for a free woman (Koran 4:25).
3. The man is afraid he will fall into sin if he does not marry that pretty slave.

All a male Muslim need do is admit a little weakness. Could this be the reason their God had to cater so obeisantly to Mohammed's desire for sex? In Chapter 70 of the Koran, Mohammed invited male Muslims to descend to the same lower marital standard his God had already authorized for *him*. First, though, posing as a guard for morality, Mohammed commended male Muslims who "control their desires" (Koran 70:29, *Rodwell*). Then he added indulgently, "Save with their wives and slave girls; for these are lawful for them" (Koran 70:30; see also 23:5). The slaves mentioned in these two verses are not included in the category of wives.

How Muslims Justify Mohammed's Polygamy

How do Muslim apologists defend Mohammed's polygamy? The previous quotes show that for Mohammed himself, "God let me do it" was defense enough. M. M. Ali, ever ready to strengthen what Mohammed left weak, adds a reason Mohammed and his God both forgot to give 1,400 years earlier in the Koran. Ali claims that Muslim male casualties in battle left many women widowed. Mohammed prescribed polygamy, Ali suggests, because so many widows needed care and there were no single men to wed them.

Ever so many cultures throughout history have had an excess of widows following wars, but have not found it advisable to resort to polygamy for their care.

Of course, a majority of Muslims do not want to harm non-Muslims. Unlike their so-called prophet, *they* do not plunder other people's homes nor do they exploit female captives as sex slaves. God forbid that any reader of this critique of the Koran should think that Muslims must be punished for being misled by a bad prophet and his bad book. May God defend people in every nation from vigilante justice—including Muslims in Western nations and Christians and other minorities in Muslim nations!

I will continue to sample the Secrets of the Koran for a few more weeks. You really should buy Mr. Richardson's book. This is just the teaser. Editor.

projected deficits would far surpass the previous record of \$290 billion in 1992. Accumulated deficits out to the end of fiscal year 2008, when the OMB forecast ends, total \$1.9 trillion.

As bad as these figures appear, the situation is actually far worse, because Congress will continue to steal from the temporary Social Security surpluses, which it has been doing for years, to help fund budget increases. Ironically, it is a Republican-controlled Congress, with its image of fiscal conservatism, delivering the largest budget deficit in history.

ACTION: We need to keep writing our Congressmen and asking them to cut government spending. The amount of PORK in the last budget set a new record.

The Armed Citizen

A Reno, Nevada, woman had just dropped off her children at a local clinic and was returning to her minivan when she saw a man vandalizing the vehicle. The woman yelled at the vandal, who then approached her in a threatening manner. That's when the 39-year-old mother of four drew a .32-caliber pistol from her purse and told the man to stop. When he continued to advance toward her, she shot him once in the chest. Her attacker, Karan-Vir Singh, was expected to be charged with destruction of property. *Gazette-journal*, Reno, NY, OS/21/03)

ACTION: Write to our elected representatives and tell them to protect the 2nd Amendment right to bear arms.

U.S. on Permanent War Footing?

Speaking on the August 3rd edition of NBC's *Meet the Press*, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge put the matter quite plainly: "I guess one of the challenges we have to understand is that our job is, first of all, to reduce risk [T]he president intuitively realized *we are at war*. *It is a permanent condition*. That's why they made permanent changes in the government. That's why we have a Department of Homeland Security." (Emphasis added.)

Ridge's department is rapidly becoming the locus of a "consolidated" (a word he used repeatedly) law enforcement and intelligence system - precisely the variety of centralized, militarized, garrison-state apparatus the Constitution is designed to prevent. But as the Roman maxim informs us, *inter arma, enim silent leges* - "In time of war, the laws fall silent."

"I can see down the road the additional capacity that we'll be able to build," predicted Ridge on *Meet the Press*. "We are far safer, far more secure. We're not where we need to be, because it's an ongoing threat, but we will get there." **In truth, the "additional capacity" would not make us "far safer, far more secure," but it would extinguish our liberty in the name of safety and security.**

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