

Friday the 13th in Paris

“The influence of the (Islamic) religion paralyzes the social development of those who follow it.”

– Winston Churchill

Islamic fanatics struck another blow for cynicism last Friday night in Paris; wholesale and gratuitous slaughter in the name of some sanguinary Muslim god. History teaches few lessons these days.



We say “Muslim” god because most other religions forsook ritual religious slaughter centuries ago. Indeed, the nearest historical comparison is actually political. Before contemporary *jihad*, the Nazis were the last imperial movement to use industrial scale pogroms to underwrite an ideological message. Ironically, the EU now opens its borders to religious fascism, more virulent than the political strain that led to the Holocaust and associated carnage of WWII. Angela [Merkel](#) does the ironic walk of shame here.

Alas, any distinction between politics and religion in a Muslim context is now moot. Politics are mostly religious in the *Ummah* and dystopic religion seems to be the only relevant politics permissible in much of the Muslim world.

Indeed, the irony is compound. The most egregious exporters of religious hate and sharia bigotry are putative EU/American “partners;” or allies; i.e. Afghanistan, Arabia, and Persia. Withal, Europe and America are fatally impaled on the horns of the Shia/Sunni dilemma – by choice. Judeo/Christian tolerance now has all the earmarks of a suicide pact. Body counts, as Stalin prophesied, are now just another statistic.

Indeed, Islam today is both sword and shield. Terror strikes and then retreats to sanctuary under a burka of global

religious immunities. Somehow the larger bovine Muslim majority has no moral or civic responsibility for terrorists, passive aggressors (nee moderates), or those unassimilated and indigestible Muslim refugees. The EU and America are paralyzed by guilt and restraint that has no meaning for the Muslim fanatic. The new law of international war is now made by religious zealots while the "best" in the West assume the defensive crouch of infidel catamites.

In the after-orgy of post-Paris apologetics, few western leaders dared to mention Islam, Islamism, or the global *jihād*. The enemy is still the undifferentiated local, militant, terrorist, or criminal as if the ideology or motive that binds them all doesn't matter. In the not too distant past, the threat was atomized as local phenomena like *Fatah*, *Hamas*, *al Qaeda*, or *Boko Haram*. The flavor of Islam *du jour* at the moment is ISIS or the Islamic state.

No matter the body count or venue, Europe and America refuse to recognize *jihād* as a global Islamic assault. And as with the Charlie Hebdo atrocity, the best response that Francois Hollande and France can muster now is a karaoke *Marseillaise*, a knee-jerk [hymn](#) to irrelevant if not discredited notions of *liberté, égalité, and fraternité*.



Fey responses to terror are now routine in the West. Call it cultural appropriation. Summary executions are accepted by Islamist butcher and infidel victim alike. Atrocity has been routinized, now a hallmark of 21st Century practice in the East and tolerance in the West. Suicide bombers and their victims are joined by the same moral vacuity. The former have no moral judgement and the latter are loath to exert any will to survive Islam.

[Excuses](#) are epidemic. Bernie Sanders on the looney Left actually believes that global [warming](#) and ISIS are wingmen.

Maybe Parisians should build a monument to terror too just as New York and Washington did after the Saudi Muslim attack against lower Manhattan and the Pentagon. Appeasement, withal, seems to be the new deterrence.

For those with the attention span to notice, global Islamic terror is the most obvious symptom that globalization is not working. Democratic civility and “one-world” comity are not ascending stars, especially in the Muslim world. Societies that venerate 7th Century absolutist [monoculture](#) or cult prophets are impervious to fact or reason – much less democracy. With the possible exception of Kurdistan and a few of the former Soviet Muslim republics, the *Ummah* is morphing into universal dystopic theocracy.

The quest for Islamic monoculture is facilitated by three trends: a weak or indecisive West, dishonest [assessments](#) of the threat, and a generation of leaders in the West who fail to appreciate or defend the virtue, indeed, superiority of their own culture. Indeed, of the three, the most pernicious is the last, the notion that all cultures and religious beliefs are morally equivalent.

Culture is the synergistic interplay of positive national values which allow independence, civility, cooperation, tolerance, and peaceful productivity. None of these virtues can be attributed to most of the Muslim world today. Indeed, much of the *Ummah* is a cesspool of human depravities. Friday the 13th in Paris was just one of too many examples.

Just days before the latest Paris slaughter, the President of the United States [declared](#) unequivocally that ISIS had been “contained.” Here again we have another triumph of false hope over experience. The White House, the Pentagon, and the American Intelligence Community still insist that Islamism is a public relations problem to be fought largely with hyperbole, wishful thinking, and domestic propaganda. The

Islamists are winning because they understand that real victories in a shooting war come out of the barrel of a gun not the mouths of fools.

Huntington was correct; the "[clash](#) of civilizations" is here. If the latest Muslim massacre in France does not underline that clash, it's difficult to imagine what kind of losses or atrocity might be endured to convince the West.

Immigration, nonetheless, is not the only Trojan horse in the Muslim kit. The pathologies of Islamic culture are well recorded at the expense of women, children, ethnic and non-Muslim minorities. Alas, there is no single Islamic Trojan horse; the phenomenon today is more like a diseased herd at full gallop. *Allahu akbar!*

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