

Gerard Batten and the Question of Sex Slaves (Part One)

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Nigel Farage [said last Friday](#) that he wants Gerard Batten out as UKIP leader for naming Tommy Robinson his adviser on rape gangs and prison reform. Farage complained about Batten's "fixation with Tommy Robinson and discussing Islam." And it's true: Batten has been saying some disturbing things about Islam. What makes them most disturbing is that they all happen to be true.

Consider his claim that Islam permits the taking of “sex slaves” from among Infidel girls, and that this is the ideological justification for the Rotherham grooming gangs.

When he said this in a [television interview with SkyNews](#), his interviewer, one Gillian Joseph, expressed her distaste and disbelief. She first described his appearance at what she called an “anti-Islam rally.”

Batten promptly corrects her: “It was not an anti-Islam rally, but a rally for justice for women and girls.”

Joseph then insists that Batten had “attributed them [sex crimes] to a particular religion. That’s not the ideology of Islam.”

Batten replies “It’s in the hadith and Qur’an... If he [Muhammad] did something, it’s okay for other people..”

Joseph repeats: “That’s not the ideology of Islam.” She continues: “You’re attacking the entire religion of Islam which doesn’t espouse...to actually advocate sex before marriage.”

Batten answers: “It does allow people – their followers – to take sex slaves who are not of the same religion. Kuffars, infidels can be taken as sex slaves. It’s one of the conditions of warfare that they have.”

Joseph then engages in comical tu-quoque:

“When you speak about particularly the situation in Rotherham, and that was something that you spoke about on the platform, you isolate that as a Muslim crime. You never, for instance, speak about the crimes of the Catholic Church in terms of sexual abuse of children. Why is it that you don’t speak on a broad spectrum? You isolate it to Islam.”

Batten replies:

“Well, I’m.. I was on there talking about specific victims.

And there's a very good book on this whole subject, called *Easy Meat*, by Patrick McLaughlin, which details all of this over about 30 years, 20 or 30 years, and how it has been swept under the carpet. And it's predominately people who follow that religion who are causing this problem on a national scale, which is the industrialized sexual exploitation, for money, and for their own perverted purposes. So that happens to be a fact at the moment. I'm happy to condemn pedophilia and child abuse wherever they occur."

The Qur'an is clear on the subject of sex slaves. It tells Muslims to take captives when they meet unbelievers in battle: "Now when you meet in battle those who disbelieve, then it is smiting of the necks until, when ye have routed them, then making fast of bonds; and afterward either grace or ransom till the war lay down its burdens" (47:4). It also refers to slave women belonging to the Islamic prophet Muhammad as spoils of war: "O Prophet! Lo! We have made lawful to you your wives to whom you have paid their dowries, and those whom your right hand possesses of those whom Allah has given you as spoils of war" (33:50). There are seven different words for "slave" in the Qur'an, but the most common expression, which appears fifteen times, is "those whom your right hand possesses," which refers specifically to sex slaves. Robert Spencer notes that

Surah Al-Muminun (23:6) and Sarah Al-Maarij (70:30) in identical wording, draw a distinction between spouses and "those whom one's right hand possesses" (female slaves), while making clear that sexual intercourse with either is permissible.'

The Egyptian Sheikh Abu-Ishaq al-Huwayni declared in May 2011 that "we are in the era of jihad," which meant Muslims could take slaves. He later elaborated that Jihad is only between Muslims and infidels. Spoils, slaves, and prisoners are only to be taken in war between Muslims and infidels. The prisoners and spoils are distributed among the fighters.

These include men, women, children, wealth, and so on.

“When a slave market is erected, one in which both slaves and sex-slaves are sold, the latter are called in the Qur’an milk al-yamin, which means “that which your right hand possesses” [Koran 4:24]. This verse from the Qur’an is still in force, and has not been abrogated. The milk al-yamin are the sex-slaves. You go to the market, look at the sex-slave, and buy her. She becomes like your wife, (but) she doesn’t need a (marriage) contract or a divorce like a free woman. When a Muslim man wants a sex slave, he just goes to the market, chooses the woman he likes, and buys her.”

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