

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

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Robert Spencer notes that “a powerful statement of the right to sex slaves in Islam was delivered on May 25, 2011 by a female Kuwaiti politician, Salwa al-Mutairi, who spoke in favor of the Islamic practice of sexual slavery of non-Muslim women, emphasizing that the practice accorded with Islamic law and Islamic morality.

She testified: “A merchant told me that he would like to have a sex slave. He said he would not be negligent with her, and that Islam permitted this sort of thing. He was speaking the truth. I brought up [this man’s] situation to the muftis in Mecca. I told them that I had a question, since they were men who specialized in what was halal, and what was good, and who loved women. I said, “What is the law of sex slaves?”

The mufti said, “With the law of sex slaves, there must be a Muslim nation at war with a Christian nation, or a nation which is not of the religion, not of the religion of Islam. And there must be prisoners of war.”

“Is this forbidden by Islam?” I asked.

“Absolutely not. Sex slaves are not forbidden by Islam. On the contrary, sex slaves are under a different law than the free woman. The free woman must be completely covered except for her face and hands. But the sex slave can be naked from the waist up. She differs a lot from the free woman. While the free woman requires a marriage contract, the sex slave

does not—she only needs to be purchased by her husband, and that's it. Therefore the sex slave is different than the free woman."

Spencer continues:

This has certainly been well understood by the members of Islamic State who engaged in the wholesale seizure of Yazidi (and some Christian) girls to be used as sex slaves, The legitimizing of sex slaves is found both in Qur'an passages –e.g., Surah Al-Muminun (23:6) and Surah Al-Maarij (70:30)– and in the behavior of Muhammad, who took 12 wives and numerous concubines, including those who could be described as "those whom my right hand possesses" which meant "sex slaves."

Non-Muslim girls who were raped by Muslims report that their rapist would pray just before and just after raping them. Clearly they believed it had religious sanction, that they were only being good Muslims.

Gerard Batten has performed a service, not just in talking about the Rotherham grooming gangs and the failures of the authorities to investigate these gangs, but in connecting the behavior of the Muslims in the gangs who for so long exploited – as sex slaves – English (Infidel) girls, to verses in the Qur'an, and stories about Muhammad in the Hadith, both legitimizing the practice. The next time Batten appears on a television interview, he might just enlarge on both those sources – quoting from a handful of the 15 Qur'anic verses about "those whom your right hand possesses" – *ma malakat aymanukum* – and from the Hadith, mentioning by name a few of Muhammad's own sex slaves, such as Rayhana bint Zayd, of the vanquished Banu Qurayza.

Gerard Batten, this commonsensical, mild-mannered, altogether admirable man, no matter how often he is described as "far

right” and “racist” by the likes of Gillian Joseph, should be able, by dint of repetition – even the truth, in this hectic age, needs to be repeated to make it stick – to imprint on the brains of his listeners what is a very simple notion. To wit, that the phrase “those whom your right hand possesses,” repeated fifteen times in the Qur’an, refers to female slaves taken from among the conquered Unbelievers, who can be used by Muslim males for sex, that according to the Qur’an this is a legitimate activity, that Muhammad himself, the Perfect Man and Model of Conduct, took such sex slaves. Yazidi and Christian girls have been mass-raped by members of the Islamic State, Christian girls have been kidnapped and raped by members of Boko Haram, and more than 1,400 English girls, as young as 11, were repeatedly raped in Rotherham alone by Muslim men who believed that such Unbelievers could naturally be treated as sex slaves, for they were, according to the Qur’an “the most vile of creatures.” These are all examples of the persistence of the sex slave idea, which will last, alas, as long as Islam itself.

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