

Manuel Valls: "Nos Compatriotes Musulmans Ont Peur Aujourd'hui"

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"Nos compatriotes musulmans ont peur aujourd'hui", a déploré ce soir sur BFMTV le premier ministre Manuel Valls après le dénouement tragique de la traque des auteurs des attaques de Charlie Hebdo et de Montrouge.

"Nos compatriotes, il faut dire les choses clairement, nos compatriotes musulmans ont peur aujourd'hui. L'un de mes meilleurs amis me disait qu'il avait honte d'être musulman aujourd'hui. Il ne faut pas qu'il ait honte", a affirmé le locataire de Matignon. "Nos compatriotes musulmans ont peur aujourd'hui", explique à BFM-TV Manuel Valls.

Manuel Valls has a Muslim friend. Oh, so many now have Muslim friends. In Israel, among Haaretz writes, having a "Palestinian" friend was, for quite a while, practically de rigueur. And this friend of Manuel Valls told him he's afraid, afraid as a Muslim. But he doesn't mean afraid, does he, in the sense in which Jews now have a perfect right to be afraid all over Western Europe, where even to wear identifying marks has been discouraged by the police, and where Muslims have attacked Jews with impunity all over the place. And he doesn't mean afraid, does he, in the sense in which Christians, in Syria, in Iraq, in Pakistan, in many parts of

Lebanon, in Egypt, in Aceh and other islands of Indonesia, are afraid of Muslims, who have killed them, individually, in groups, en masse. No, he means he thinks perhaps Muslims will become suspect in the eyes of non-Muslims, will suffer the consequences, economic and social, of a non-Muslim citizenry finally aroused from its torpor by too many Muslim attacks, and too many self-evidently absurd attempts, by Western leaders and Muslim leaders alike, to claim that these attacks, dozens, hundreds, thousands of them, by Muslims against non-Muslim targets, "have nothing to do with Islam."

And what other emotion does this Muslim friend of Manuel Valls feel? He feels "shame." Why? Is it because he thinks that possibly, just, he understands the real link between the observable behavior of Muslims in this and many other cases, and what he knows are the prompting sources of that behavior, in Qur'an and Sunnah, and yet he cannot allow himself to think logically about this, or to ask himself, at long last, the key question: Why, knowing all this,, do I remain a Muslim? How much longer can I continue to think of myself as a Muslim, and engage in the mendacity that the defense of Islam, in the face of all this and of inquiries from non-Muslims, will always require?

There are a dozen French people murdered for offenses against Islam. There are four people, all of them Jews, who died as the result of a Muslim seizing control of a kosher market, because the offense of those who ran that market, or who shopped there, was that of being Jews – and that was enough, in the view of a great many Muslims all over the world, to warrant their being subject to the threat, and the possibility, of death. But right now Manuel Valls wants to talk about the Muslim who is full of fear in France "for Muslims." After every attack by Muslims – in Madrid and Amsterdam, in Paris and London, in New York and Washington, everywhere that Muslims are still greatly outnumbered so have to worry – they proclaim how worried they are, about

themselves, themselves, and though nothing ever happens to them, the worry always turns out to be unnecessary, non-Muslims hop to it with alacrity, offering to “ride with Muslims” or make sure they will otherwise be safe, and Western leaders think it right and seemly to speak, repeatedly, about how important it is to sustain this imaginary non-existent solidarity (it’s a one-sided solidarity, for Muslims are told, in their mosques and texts, “do not take Christians and Jews for friends” and much more that is much, much worse), how important it is right now, at this very moment, to reassure Muslims that we know, we are sure, they are fine, they are safe, they are innocent, they are moderate, they are extremely completely and totally moderate Muslims, and besides, why should anyone worry about what level of Muslim faith they have since Islam itself is all about peace and tolerance and non-violence and should not be slandered, and further besides, Islam had nothing to do with it.