

Obadia: Confusions And Obstinacy Of Najat Belkacem

Her changes to the curriculum would include abolishing the teaching of Latin and Greek, no longer making the study of Medieval Christianity or the French Enlightenment a required part of the curriculum while, on the other hand, making the study of Islam and the history of Muslim peoples a required course for everyone. Others have written about the importance of Medieval Christianity for the understanding of the French patrimony and the creation of the French state – how many of the cathedrals, how many of the castles, how much of the physical heritage of France would still be appreciated, without that knowledge of Medieval Christianity? He concentrates on the “Lumieres” – that is, the Enlightenment or, as it used to be called, the French Enlightenment, without which neither the French Revolution, nor the entire subsequent history of France, or of the Western world, can be understood. What came over Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, and why is she so smilingly, stupidly heedless, so unable and unwilling to discuss the matter at all coherently? And why should anyone in France defend her as, I’m afraid, Manuel Valls, is now doing, when he surely knows better.

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