

A Counterfeit Reality

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In 2009, Islamic terrorist Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, with malice aforethought gunned down thirteen military personnel and attempted to murder thirty-two others at Fort Hood, TX. While he was in the process of shooting indiscriminately at the military personnel gathered in the cafeteria, he was heard yelling “*Allahu Akbar!*” which means “Allah is Great!”

Shortly after the massacre, Obama came out to report to the nation that while the event was terrible, it was nothing more than “workplace violence” in spite of the alleged connections to Islam and that “*Hasan allegedly was inspired by a member of Al Qaeda in Yemen, Anwar Awlaki, an American who was later killed in a U.S. drone strike.*”¹ I guess shouting praise to Allah while killing innocent people does not by itself mean that you are a terrorist. However, if you defend the Constitution and demand your rights that are given because of it, well, you just might be a terrorist, even if you never harm another person.

Since Hasan's arrest and imprisonment, there have been a number of attempts by Hasan's lawyers to draw out the proceedings, including the situation involving his beard. Army rules indicate that he must be clean-shaven during trial, yet he argues that it is against his religious beliefs (though he had been previously clean-shaven). One judge has already been replaced because he attempted to stand by the rules and ordered Hasan to be forcefully shaved. The new judge has not yet ruled on that particular question.

The tragedy – aside from the murders and attempted murders of our military people – is that Hasan is being catered to by a politically correct (corrupt?) administration and others who would like us to believe that Hasan's terrible act of cowardice has nothing to do with Islam and everything to do with a man who cracked in the workplace.

Numerous efforts to have the situation reclassified as “terrorism” have been denied by the Pentagon. Such is how the politically correct craft their lies, and because they hold the bulk of power now, they are essentially free to do what they wish to do. They are backed by the media, who share the same mindset and mission: to prop up relativistic “truth” via political correctness.

I fully believe that this world is heading toward the judgment of the coming Tribulation. I also realize that there are many who think holding to that viewpoint is ridiculous. They are entitled to their viewpoint and obviously, in this matter, time will be the vindicator.

¹ http://www.jihadwatch.org/2013/03/judge-rules-against-fort-hood-jihad-mass-murderer-trial-will-stay-in-texas-and-he-cant-plead-guilty.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter (03/26/2013)

However, it would be nice to be able to overcome the travesties that have been created by those within the politically correct arena, though in my heart, I wonder if God will allow that because so much water has passed under the bridge.

It simply appears to me (and many others) that, political correctness being what it is, the Obama administration as well as many other areas within our society are doing their level best to overturn and eliminate absolute truth with their relativism in order to tear down the values upon which this country was founded. Yes, I've said that before, but it bears repeating.

The thing that really stands out is how these politically correct charlatans can lie as they do with a straight face. Even when their lies become known as the lies that they are, they continue on that path, refusing to acknowledge that they are liars and that their entire premise is built on a lie.

A few days ago a reporter asked Jay Carney whether or not Obama was going to pull back on all of his expensive golf outings and vacations now that sequestration is in the mix. Carney's response was obviously duplicitous but presented in a way that was supposed to allow no one to question it. He essentially stated that Obama is always thinking about the situation that America faces. There is not a time when it does not occupy his mind. That's my paraphrase, but the response to that is, "So?" Thinking about something and doing something about it are two different things.

We know from a complete lack of action from the White House that Obama does not take the situation seriously. A budget won't be coming from the White House until April, yet by law, it was supposed to have been submitted by the White House in February. Bush would not have gotten away with doing what Obama is doing, but because of the amount of politically correct news bureaus, this is easy to let slide when it concerns Obama because he is in the same camp as the news bureaus.

It is for this reason that these same news bureaus are ignoring the Fort Hood situation. They are not demanding that the event be reclassified a terrorist event. They are not siding against Obama in his labeling of the event as "workplace violence."

By the same token, they are not questioning the Obama administration's decision to allow Saudi citizens to bypass the normal aspects of airport security that all Americans are subject to: this is in spite of the fact that fifteen of the nineteen original 9/11 hijackers came from Saudi Arabia. They are not questioning these things because these news bureaus are firmly ensconced within the exact same politically correct arena as are Obama and his administration. Right now, they have the power, and it is difficult to get anyone's attention. When we are able to get their attention, it is fairly easy for them to slide it back under the rug.

But tell me, why should anyone be given special status to avoid having to submit to the security requirements of the TSA at airports if they are not even citizens of this country? If anyone should be exempted, it should be our military. Certainly, a Marine should not be required to remove his prosthesis and then be forced to stand (effectively on his knees!) while some less-than-clueless (or uncaring) TSA agent swabs down his wheelchair!

This is what political correctness does. It promotes *not* justice (as we discussed in our last chapter), but some type of artificial “freedom” and “equality,” yet the way it accomplishes this is not by generating equality for *all* people but by artificially creating a “greater equality” for some while ignoring others due to perceived slights for those within the elevated group.

There is no good or fair reason that the Fort Hood massacre should be considered “workplace violence” when it is *clearly* terrorism within our own borders. Timothy McVeigh was guilty of terrorism and there was no problem calling it that. Then again, he was a white male, so that alone makes it easier.

In spite of the fact that since 9/11 Islamists have carried out 20,569 attacks throughout the world, the Obama administration has deemed it important to allow Saudi citizens to bypass TSA security at US airports. Moreover, the Obama administration has also refused to classify the Fort Hood massacre as an act of terrorism, preferring the more benign “workplace violence.”

Yet in all the acrimonious testimony related to the recent gun control legislation, not once did anyone from the Obama administration elect to refer to this “workplace violence” in which a gun was used to kill thirteen people and wound thirty-two more. Why? What was the problem? After all, it was only “workplace violence,” wasn't it? No, it was an act of terror by an Islamic terrorist who is still receiving full pay as an Army psychiatrist.

Political correctness is a terrible thing. It creates a counterfeit reality that simply mocks the true reality. It sets up unwritten, fake rules and guidelines for castigating one race while upholding other races. It accomplishes nothing good but engenders fear and self-loathing for non-minorities while creating a special, privileged place for minorities.

It is because of political correctness that we are living in a world that Isaiah saw years ago. He said (in Isaiah 5:20), “*Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!*”

In the same way Paul, in writing to Timothy, warned that in the end times, the world would become terrible. This would be so because it has been the attempt of humanity to exchange God's truth for a lie at every turn. It began in the Garden of Eden and will carry us through

to the end. In 2 Timothy 3:13, Paul states, *“But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.”*

This is what we are experiencing now. This country is being guided largely by evil men and women who want one thing: to exchange the truth of God for a lie (cf. Romans 1:25). This is best accomplished using what has become known as political correctness.

Political correctness uses terms and phrases that appear to be couched in logic and truth, but in reality, it is all simply another form of lying and presented in a way that makes it difficult for the hearer to reject without being labeled a bigot, a sexist, a racist, or all three. The goal is to quiet the opposition so that political correctness can do its work of destruction. It has been at work since the early 1900s and came to the surface during the tumultuous '60s. Since that time, it has shown tremendous gains in society until we are now at the point where it *appears* to have the minds of the majority.

Christians must resist it because it is a lie. In Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians, chapter two, he takes time to point out the events as they will unfold in the end times. He comes to a point where he essentially lays out the facts and summarizes them with this one statement: *“For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false”* (2 Thessalonians 2:11).

The natural question to ask is “for *what* reason” and “what is the deluding influence” Paul is referring to here? If we look at the verses just prior to verse 11, we note that the people Paul refers to here in 2 Thessalonians 2:11 do the exact same thing the people in Romans 1 do: *“They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved”* (2 Thessalonians 2:10b NIV).

It's the same story! People perish because they prefer lies to the truth! Throughout history, it has always been the same. *“Tell me a lie! Tell me a lie so that I don't have to believe in God or do things His way!”* It was the truth of Lot's day and of Noah's day before him. It was the situation during Jesus' day and in the final analysis, it will be the exact same thing for us during these last days.

People do *not* want God's absolute truth. They want lies because lies tickle the ears and make people feel good. The truth haunts us until we give into it. If we resolutely and consistently refuse that truth, God will eventually throw us over to ourselves and we will then be able to wholeheartedly believe the lie.

Political correctness is the lie that is guiding our society today. Its influence is everywhere. It is turning God's absolute truths on their head, endeavoring to replace them with something that the world can see and appreciate as their new truth. If they continue in

this, God will throw them over to themselves so that they will believe the lie, and because of that they will perish.