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# OMINOUS SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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## **ROMAN CATHOLIC - ISLAM CONNECTION!**

It may sound strange to many but there is a very real connection between the Roman Catholic Church and Islam, each one with over one billion followers, one-third of earth's population. While there are significant differences, there is much common ground. *The Berean Call* (11/2002) says: "Rome has been tilling common ground with Islam for decades as evidenced by the 1994 Vatican publication, *Recognize the Spiritual Bonds that Unite Us: 16 years of Christian-Muslim Dialogue*. In 1985, Pope John Paul declared to an enraptured audience of thousands of Muslim youths, 'Christians and Muslims, we have many things in common...we believe in the same God, the living God...' While there are critical differences between the Biblical God and Allah, the Roman Church accepts them as one and the same God. The following quote is from Vatican II: 'The Church has also a high regard for Muslims. They worship God, who is one, living and subsistent, merciful and Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... They venerate Jesus as a prophet, his virgin Mother they also honor and even at times devoutly evoke...' Pope John Paul also addressed a Catholic community in Turkey saying: 'I wonder if it is now urgent, precisely today when Christians and Muslims have entered a new period of history, to recognize and develop the spiritual bonds that unite us.'" Ed. This is but one more ominous sign that the ecumenical church, let by the Papa on the Tiber (Rev.17), is in the offing. It is high time for God's people to wake up and take a true separated stand, and Yes, to stand against it!

## **SECRETARY OF STATE - ANTI-CHRISTIAN?**

The Washington madness just goes on and on. Islam is promoted and Christianity is forbidden or put down. According to *Intercessors for America via Religion Today* (11/22/02) Secretary of State Colin Powell said he is trying to expand programs to bring educators, journalists, and political and religious leaders from Islamic countries to the United States. "We are committed to ensuring that our programs reach out to Muslims in all walks of life," Powell told a gathering of Muslim-Americans at an Iftaar, the end-of-the-day meal that breaks day long fasts during the holy month of Ramadan. In a possible allusion to conservative Christians, whom Powell castigated last week for its warnings about the militant doctrines of Islam, Powell described extremism and violence as America's greatest enemies. (I think all this promotion of

"peaceful" Islam is extreme idiocy!). He also said, "We must not listen to the false siren song of the bigots, extremists who cloak themselves in false spirituality in an attempt to divide and to weaken us." It reminds me of the situation with the homosexuals. They are the guilty ones, but if you speak out against them, you are a homophobic and the troublemaker. Our leadership just doesn't get it! For beginners, they might look into the facts concerning the founding of this nation - it wasn't the principles laid down in the Koran!

## **WHEN MAN PLAYS GOD!**

*Yahoo News* (11/21/02) had an article entitled: "Scientists Hope to Create New Form of Life." The pioneer scientist who helped crack the human genome and a Nobel laureate were expected to announce plans to create a new life form in the laboratory. Craig Venter and Hamilton Smith hope to create a single-celled, partially man-made organism...in a project funded by a \$3 million dollar grant from the U.S. Energy Department....The idea is to eventually create a computer model of every aspect of the biology of a new organism. Smith and Venter told the *(Washington) Post* the lab-dish cells would be rendered incapable of infecting humans... The scientists acknowledged the project could lay the groundwork for creating new biological weapons and that they may have to be selective about publishing technical details. Can you believe it, our government is paying for this sort of insanity. Further, we are out to destroy the biological weapons of Iraq while paying people in our country to develop what could be new forms of it. Another news story with far reaching implications was reported in *Yahoo News* (12/4/-02): An Italian doctor claims he has impregnated three women with cloned embryos. One is due to give birth in January. How long, Lord?

## **FACTS FROM FUNDAMENTALIST DIGEST.**

Fifty percent of the students in U.S. seminaries are female. - 1400 pastors leave the pastorate every month in the USA. - The SBC mission board has signed an agreement to work together with Campus Crusade for Christ. Campus Crusade is ecumenical, works alongside Roman Catholics, and even has Catholics on its staff. - Muslims, Jews and Christians recently prayed, sang and worshipped together at Valparaiso University (Lutheran). - *Calvary Contender*. If one is a true separatist these days, he certainly is in a small minority.

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## FALWELL'S ECUMENICAL COURSE.

About a year ago, Falwell joined in with Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for an ecumenical program, "Beyond All Limits," in which Bright put forth a call for a new ecumenicity where everyone "*who loves our Lord*" (that means whatever you want it to) would be brought together in one great super-church. Falwell, who claims to be a Fundamentalist, was one of the speakers. Of course, he is no Fundamentalist in the rightful use of that term - he belongs to both the Baptist Bible Fellowship and the Southern Baptist Convention. He has a long history of working with Roman Catholics (Moral Majority), Mormons, Rev. Moon, etc. So, it was not surprising that he was in on Bright's vision. Among the preachers, there were many leading Charismatics, the foremost being Jack Hayford. Many New Evangelicals like Ralph Stowell, Stephen Olford, Charles Stanley, etc., were present along with ultra-New Evangelicals Rick Warren and Bill Hybels. A Seventh Day Adventist was also listed and to top it off, three women preachers including Anne Graham-Lotz, Billy Graham's daughter. Do not be deceived, Falwell is no more a Fundamentalist than I am a liberal! The New Evangelical mind-set has greatly affected the Fundamental camp. Very few are the true Biblical separatists.

## WARNING FROM AUSTRALIAN POLICEMAN.

Hi Yanks, I thought you all would like to see the real figures from Down Under. It has been 12 months since gun owners in Australia were forced by a new law to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by our government, a program that cost taxpayers \$500 million dollars. The first year results are now in: Australia wide, homicides are up 3.2 %, armed robberies up 44%! In the state of Victoria alone, homicides with firearms are now up 300%. (Note that the law-abiding citizens turned in their guns but the criminals did not). Figures for the previous 25 years had shown a steady decrease in robbery with firearms. There has also been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults on the elderly. The politicians are at a loss to explain how public safety has decreased after such monumental effort and expense... *-The Stand* Ed. Strange how the liberal mindset works - or doesn't work. I think any 10 or 12 year old could explain it to them. Incidentally, the same type of law was passed a while back in England with disastrous results! It will be the same here or anywhere else!

## WHY YOUNG PEOPLE DISDAIN AMERICA!

Peter Gibbon, a Harvard professor (of all places), documents the wicked portrayal of history in our educational system in his book: *A Call to Heroism: Reviewing America's Vision of Greatness*. He said instead of inspiring our youth with the power of heroism we are giving students "a sour and suspicious" view of our national heritage. Gibbon told of a History Channel series that characterized Benjamin Franklin as a "skirt chaser" and John Adams as a person who should have been on Prozac. In visits to high schools, he was excoriated for making positive comments about Abraham Lincoln, who the students condemned as a racist. The same article noted that the *National Assessment of Educational Progress* found only one in ten high school seniors proficient at grade level in history. *-From School Reform News* (Dec. 2002). Ed. We have documented this sort of thing many times. The liberals will not be happy until they have destroyed this land. It has many problems but the liberal establishment (educators, politicians and news media) is responsible for most of them! If you listen to them, education is much improved in recent years. Nonsense! States that have standardized testing (like Mass.) often teach the test to the students ahead of time so they can pass; we've read of places where some took the same test four times.

## PENNA. PASSES "HATE" CRIME LAW.

A bill passed by the Pennsylvania legislature may make it illegal for preachers to quote Bible passages condemning homosexuality, according to a group that opposes the measure. The bill, passed by the Penna. House of Representatives Tuesday night, is on its way to Gov. Mark Schweiker, who says he will sign it. The measure amends the state's Ethnic Intimidation Act to include "sexual orientation, gender or gender identity." The pro-family Urban Family Council worries that the bill will be enforced too liberally. William Devlin, the group's president, is advising pastors and churches across Pennsylvania to "obtain some very good liability insurance and contact an attorney if the pastor intends to continue faithfully preaching the Word." According to Devlin, "This bill is so broad that if you have an attendee at your church who feels offended or intimidated by what is said from the pulpit, you and your church leadership will be receiving certified letters inviting you to either a deposition or a court appearance." *-CNSNews.com* 11/28/02

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