

## Words of Hate

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Did you hear the latest from Donald Trump? He said that the Christians would march on Iraq and Afghanistan, destroying everything Muslim in their path. The blood of the Muslims would flow in the streets and everything they have built would be taken down and destroyed. Millions, representing the armies of Christendom, will march on the Arab capitals.

Just imagine if President Donald Trump spoke such words. No one would question for a second that he would be demonized and, without question, impeached. No one would do business with him, and those in his own party would fully and completely repudiate him. There might be a few hanger-oners who sit with the President, but they would have no power and no one would listen to them.

While Muhammad Abbas, dictator of the Palestinian Authority created in 1995, thanks to the Oslo Accords brokered by the Americans, said precisely those words about the Jews in Israel. He talked about the Armies of Islam marching on Jerusalem, destroying everything Jewish, and spilling the blood of the Jews in the Holy Land.

Has there been any condemnation of Abbas, the tyrant? “No.” Instead, the press seems to be occupied with two (2) Muslim Congresswomen who were barred from the State of Israel for advocating that the country would be boycotted, sanctioned, and essentially driven out of existence. We pay attention to the enemies of freedom, to the enemies of Christianity and to those who hate Judaism, but we remain silent to those who would destroy Western Civilization, especially as it exists in the Middle East, in the land of Israel.

Muhammad Abbas said more in his August 10 speech to his fellow Palestinians. He said that the Palestinians who were paid by the Palestinian Authority to kill Jews are heroes and should be encouraged. Many Americans still cannot get their arms wrapped around the fact that the Western world gives money to the Palestinian Authority, which in turn pays its citizens to murder Jews. If an occasional Christian gets in the way, Westerner, or someone else who may not be Jewish, well, that is the price of the Islamic fight to control the Middle Eastern world.

When I talk to my friends of the leftist persuasion, typically what they say about people like Muhammad Abbas is that “Well, he is crazy; a nut. And if Israel makes peace with him, he will turn around and become a nice guy.” I am not sure where that kind of thinking comes from. It did not work with Stalin, Hitler, or any other maniacal lunatic. In fact, I do not see democrats willing to work even with Donald Trump, utilizing that kind of thinking. We are less tolerant of Trump and his unacceptable rhetoric than we are of so-called leaders like Muhammad Abbas! What a strange world we live in. We give a free pass to some of the worst people in the world, while demanding that those who are already doing the right thing do more.

The question is not whether we throw the two anti-Semitic Islamic Congresswomen out of Congress. Although the United States Constitution explicitly gives Congress the right to be the judge of the credentials of its own elected members, that is not something we currently do in the United States. Of course, we have done it many times in the past; over two dozen times we have thrown elected members out of Congress because we did not approve of their politics. That happened most frequently after the Civil War, during reconstruction when the reunited country was not too crazy about having bigots serve in Congress.

The United States has frequently denied entry to foreigners that we disapproved of. In fact, Congress enacted legislation over President Truman's veto, giving the government the right to ban undesirables. Those who were kept out of the country were politically inappropriate, such as communists and other would-be agitators.

The question often arises as to whether there is a double standard applied to Israel and the Jews? Well, of course there is. Unfortunately, many Jews themselves utilize the argument that, "We have to be better than everyone else." Aside from the obvious arrogance of such leftist thinking, what does it really mean to be "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" as required of the Jews by the Torah? It does not mean permitting our enemies to chop our heads off, deny our civil rights and spill the blood of our people. Being a nation of priests simply means being religious and paying unquestioned fidelity to G-d. A holy nation likewise is a people who observes the Commandments, keeps the Sabbath, and follows the ethical rules as well. Ethical monotheism, created by Judaism, and ensconced for Christians in the word of Jesus, means treating others fairly, decently, and with respect who deserve that by virtue of their own acceptable conduct. Turning the other cheek, popularized by Christianity, but found in the Torah Leviticus 18 and 19, discussed in Pirkei Avot and addressed in numerous Jewish works does not imply or require that one failed or refused to defend themselves against obvious aggression. Christian nations have never been pacifist and the Bible does not require them to be.

Back to the basic question. Why is it that the world so easily finds a basis for attacking the free, democratic nation of Israel while giving a free pass to every belligerent bully in the world? The United Nations is now controlled by the third world block, which in turn is controlled by Islam. Turning logic on its head, the United Nations simply is a podium for hate and irrational, nonfactual absurdities.

We should, of course, encourage and support free speech. Free speech, including politics which are odious, also have what requires us to educate ourselves and to defend our intellect against bad actors who cannot be trusted and who only have in mind their own political self-aggrandizement.

Israel has no obligation to permit foreigners into its country for the purpose of undermining that nation's free spirit, and likewise the Western world must refuse to do business with a petty dictator like Muhammad Abbas who takes Western money to line his pockets, returning nothing to his people except a healthy dose of hatred and disdain for others.

The bottom line is, of course, that Muhammad Abbas has done a terrible job as the leader of the Palestinian Authority, which controls 97% of the land on the West Bank of the Jordan River. The hundreds of thousands of tons of concrete that have gone into Gaza have been used to build terror attack tunnels, not hospitals, schools or apartment buildings. The money and aid, a large measure of it, which goes to the Palestinian Authority and Hamas and Gaza is simply fuel for the incendiary fire that threatens to consume Western civilization.

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