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My name is . I am 62, am a grandfather and live in Canberra with my wife of 35 years. I have noted with growing concern since September 11, 2001, that we are in a new Cold War. The "new" enemy is not now the old USSR, but militant islam. I have watched as the French have tried to wrestle with this problem - where they now have ghetto "no go" areas in Paris and elsewhere, where only muslims dare go. False fire alarms are set off, so that emergency services can be attacked. I watched as Britain digested there own "9/11", noting that the perpetrators were home-grown terrorists. I have watched as islamic terrorist plots have unfolded in Spain, and watched these plots stopped in our own fair land of Australia.

Sone things I have noticed:

1. I have never ever heard of a Buddhist terrorist, or a Baptist terrorist, or a Presbyterian terrorist. I have heard more rare reports of Hindu terrorists. But just about all the terrorists who make it into the media, are muslims. **Why?**

2. If you look at modern-day immigration, you will see that almost invariably people are fleeing a muslim nation, and where do they head? Britain, New Zealand, America, Germany, Netherlands. All Christian-based nations. Is that just a coincidence?

3. I am told that if I don't like a certain religion, then I'm a "racist". How can I be a racist, by not liking a certain religion? When I worked in the public service, 2 of my good friends were a Sri Lankan and a South Vietnamese. My parents were never racist, and never raised the 5 of us to be so either.
4. Not all cultures are equal. Some cultures are an absolute nightmare, eg Russia under Stalin, Germany under Hitler, Cambodia under Pol Pot, Argentina under Pinochet, etc etc.. People leave their country of origin as refugees (I refer to genuine refugees, not economic refugees that are looking to better their lot financially, and even then I can't blame them - I'd do much the same) usually because the regime is kicking them in the head in some unjust way.

If you think that religion has nothing to do with the immigration debate, you do not realise the power that religion has to govern the basic thinking, values, and mores and modus operandi of how we should do life, even if you do not formally hold to that governing religion of your country If you think this is not a Christian-based society, try going to court, and see if they make you swear on the hindu "holy Book" to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. The basic attitudes and standards of this wonderful country (it's sure not perfect) come from our Christian heritage. This does not make me a bigot or racist, it is just a historical fact. The perception is that the Bible is the Truth Book, that's why you are required to swear on it. If you are later found to have lied, when you swore on the Bible to tell the truth, you are then regarded as indeed a bad person, and rightly so. Nowhere in the World are such freedoms as we enjoy found, except in Christian-based societies. No wonder the refugees head here. They know where to go.

Great Britain, France, and Germany have now come to the conclusion that multiculturalism is a mistake. Of course, you cannot procede in this debate, without defining Muticulturalism. In the past, I think "multiculturalism" has generally worked well in Australia. Back in the 1950s (I'm a Baby Boomer) we loved to sling off at the "wogs" and "dagos". But I have come to really like Italians and Greeks. My neice is very keen on a young Greek, and may marry him. Fine with me.The real problem is militant islam.

This is not a race, but a religion.

This religion teaches that the only way the World can function, is under sharia law, where hands are chopped off if you are caught stealing, and heads are chopped off for offenses like drug dealing. This religion teaches that you do not have to tell the truth to an "infidel" (a person who does not believe in islam). This religion teaches that all followers of mohammad must engage in war in the realm of the non-muslim world, until they (the non-muslims) submit to sharia law. I have a copy of the koran here as I write this, and I can show you where it says all this. This is the new "We shall rule Ze Vorld" that the nazis attempted in the 1930s and 40s, and that subsequently the communists tried after them. This is a particularly vicious and nasty religion. It will not tolerate any dissent from it's non-elected leaders. Look at the Middle East at the moment. Do you see this sort of trouble in the Christian-based societies? Militant Islam is actually a cancer in any society. It twists people's minds. It makes them think they are victims, being pursued and picked on by all and sundry. They must tear down the democracy that hosts them. This religion is anti-women, anti-progress, anti technology, antidemocracy, anti-Christian, and see what poor sad poverty-stricken countries they generally are that have this as their majority religion. Anyone having to deal with this problem finds the same thing, from the Russian authorities, to German, to French, to British, and now it's our turn. And the media are generally far too frightened to say anything against them. They remember Theo Van Gogh and Geert Wilders, and the 120 people who lost their lives in riots following the Danish Cartoons event.

If Multiculturalism means that any people of goodwill, who are willing to keep many of their ways, but to take on the standards and aspirations of their host nation, want to come here and make this their home, work hard and be productive members of their new nation, and to integrate, I say good on you. Remember, that we the Australian people get to choose who comes here. We and nobody else.

But if Multiculturalism means that all cultures are equal, that anyone can come here and set up structures that work to overthrow the host nation, who refuse to integrate, who refuse to give their allegience and loyalty to their host nation, and then want to swamp the host culture by conversions, out-breeding the locals, taking over positions in local and state and federal governments, to the detriment of the host nation; if they try to push the idea that all religions are equal, when they obviously are not, if they deliberately force their religion on us by stealth (Halal foods, Sharia-compliant financial rules and courts, the removal of crosses in public places, their insistence of wearing garments which cover their identity when no-one else is allowed to etc etc.,) then I am dead against multiculturalism.

My Father fought the Germans in the Western Desert, and the Japanese in New Guinea, to keep Australia a free country. I must do no less, when I see the freedoms he and his mates fought for being eroded by spurious and false arguments of "tolerance", and just fitting in with a force that will enslave this country if given 1/2 a chance. Thank you for hearing me.

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