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I came to Australia in 1956, a 10 year old from a conflict zone. The first thing I noticed was the newspaper front page headlines: football and horse races. I immediately loved this country, knew I had found myself in the right place and wanted to learn about it and feel and be an Australian.

I recall Greeks and Italians, “New Australians”, being proud of their country of origin, its music, its food and its culture while at the same time being even more proud of being “Australian”. It was important. “I’m Ozy, mAit”. I felt the same. We wanted to be a part of Australian society, a part of a whole. I wanted to melt into Australia, longed to feel the outback, to cry on ANZAC day even though we just arrived. It took time and I now do cry.

I went to Cleveland Street Boys High School (Redfern NSW) with kids from every corner of the world as well as some local Aboriginal kids. There was even a hand-full of Anglo-Saxon Australian kids. There was a Chinese looking kid who spoke with the strongest Strine accent which shocked and delighted me the first time I heard it. We were only vaguely interested in each other’s origins and not at all about “cultural sensitivities”. We all wanted to be and were encouraged to be “Australian”.

I recall a fist-fight behind Prince Alfred swimming pool (it was a tough school) during which one of the kids called the other a dirty Greek. I think the offender was Turkish, it didn’t matter, this was a no-no. The offender was attacked by several of the watching kids. We knew the dangers. What we had there was a cultural melting pot, not a multicultural cauldron.

Before commenting on multiculturalism, it is important to clarify what multiculturalism is not:

Multiculturalism is not about spaghetti and pizza or pita and humus or chow main or sushi or Greek dancing or yoga or kung fu. These are cultural elements that immigrants bring to their adopted country – the emphasis being on “adopted”. It is the immigrant who adopts the country; it is not the country that adopts the immigrant. If some good things come and are shared by the immigrant, that enriches the country, it does not change its essence.

Multiculturalism is not about immigration. Immigration is a red haring brought into the debate: it is a mechanism used to gag the multicultural debate by accusing anyone questioning multiculturalism of being “anti immigration”, “racist”, “xenophobe” etc. Immigration is about immigrants. Multiculturalism keeps them immigrants.

Immigration is essential and good for Australia. I am not against immigration. I am an immigrant.

Multiculturalism is a message of encouragement for individual, separate ethnic groups to cling to their separate identities in ghettos, which we see happening in our suburbs. This only keeps the country divided.
Multiculturalism is based on the concept that all cultures are equal if viewed from within and therefore worthy of being nurtured as separate entities in the bigger society. This is political correctness gone mad. The argument of “moral equivalence” is completely bankrupt. To suggest that Buddhism and Jainism, whose adherents avoid stepping on an ant lest they kill it, is morally equivalent to any other ism that might celebrate killing and oppression and intolerance is absurd.

We have seen many waves of immigrants in Australia and all have adapted, embraced, adopted and allowed themselves to be absorbed into Australian society and the society has welcomed them and benefitted. They did not ask to be understood or to be given special consideration. They did not ask for special treatment. They arrived, worked hard, contributed. Some, like the Italians and Vietnamese, brought their criminal elements with them, which initially caused problems and backlashes. When the backlash came they did not cry “foul”, did not cry “racist”, did not cry “Italiophobe” or “asianophobe”. These communities dealt with their troublemakers and ultimately absorbed themselves into Australian society, as they had in many other countries, because the essence of those cultures is not locked into an ideology which forbids adaptation.

Alas, even the pursuit of the melting pot is no longer a successful option.

Australia is now facing the same challenge that the rest of the world is facing and in many instances ignoring. The challenge of Muslim immigration. An intolerant political / religious culture that does not allow adaptation or absorption but insists on domination and conquest.

Previous waves of immigrants did not demand to be “understood” or their “sensitivities” addressed. There was no request, let alone demand, by Jews to eliminate ham from school tuck-shops and make them Kosher. There were no requests, let alone demands, by Buddhists or Hindus to make public canteens vegetarian. There was no demand for special prayer rooms in schools and sports facilities. There were no demands on the society at large to accommodate the new citizens.

This is not the case with the Muslim community and its representative organisations, which not only make the demands but suggest that if they are ignored that would “radicalise” its youth and lead to violence. Mafia and Triad extortion rackets come to mind.

It is one thing for the Muslim community to make these demands, it is frightening and frustrating to see those demands acquiesced to by our elected local, state and Federal governments:

There are over 40,000 supermarket items labeled “hallal”, including such items as chocolates, white flour, tomato sauce, tinned fruits - foods that have nothing to do with hallal. The producer pays for the privilege and the cost is born by all Australians. (unlike, say, Kosher products which target and are paid for by Jews only). Almost all chickens and most red meats are halal certified which means they are slaughtered by muslims which means jobs for the (Muslim) boys. To have halal certified products requires a Muslim “supervisor” who has to be paid so all those 40,000 products cost a little more and we all pay - to Muslims. It is the protection tax. The infidel pays Muslims the jizya, the protection tax decreed in the quran. Where does the money go? hamas? al qaida?

Some government schools have provided special Muslim prayer rooms so that Muslim students can pray at the allotted times in a room not contaminated by Christian or Jewish or Hindu worship (this is written in the submission by Muslim representatives). There is no such facility for other religions. Few if any Muslim students actually pray during the day.
The Dandenong (Victoria) municipal public swimming pool was pressured to insist on and provide total body covering for all females over the age of 10 during Ramadan to assuage "muslim sensitivities". The public swimming pool complied and all attending women and girls, both muslim and infidel, were forced to wear blue head to foot "body-sox";
What this link does not touch on is the overriding message that islam is superior, that western women are immoral (whores) while muslim women are moral and pure (superior).

Darebin City Council (Victoria), following demands from its muslim community, has actually deemed the mixing of sexes at a recent music festival held at the municipal council hall to be culturally inappropriate and created a separation between the sexes; the same council installed a $45,000 privacy curtain in its municipal swimming pool; has created a special position (at $66,000) for a project to instruct ratepayers in muslim piety, customs and expectations. No such programs about Jews or Hindus and none to instruct the muslim community about Australian liberal customs and social expectations.
http://au.news.yahoo.com/today-tonight/lifestyle/article/-/10406568/spreading-the-word/ - video. Listen carefully to what the muslim representative has to say. Basically, that Australians have to change.

What does all this do? It makes islam special. It elevates islam above the infidel. It is part of the process of spreading the faith by stealth. By any means.

Most disturbing is the introduction into our public schools, exposing young, impressionable minds, of programs such as “Learning From One Another” and “Muslim Perspectives in Australian Schools”, which present a totally false picture of islam as a tolerant, benevolent, moral religion which protects its minorities such as Jews and Christians and lives harmoniously with those communities in its midst.

These are blatant lies. One needs only look at all the Arab countries from Pakistan to Morocco to see Christians being terrorized, murdered, raped and expelled, their churches burnt while we, here in Australia and elsewhere in the West, welcome this evil into our midst somehow not believing the truthful pronouncements of the intention to islamise while believing the lies of Islamic benevolence.

Democracy is superior to Nazism and Communism. Buddhism, Jainism, Hinduism, Christianity, Judaism are all superior to Islam. How can we say that?: by observation of the actions of each.

Islam is getting stronger all over the world and where it is getting stronger, it is ugly. You just need to look at its spreads and action in Europe. Sweden and Norway were the two most successful societies of the 20th century. The former has become a fragmented country with Sharia, no-go-zones and the latter is the rape capital of the world. Islam will continue to get stronger. Do we really want a world in which Islam dominates? Do we really want an Australia where Islam dominates? Unless a policy is put in place to prevent Islam’s domination, it will. The action to prevent it is simple: Just say “no”.