

Blair: Qur'an is standard bearer of tolerance

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These are the words of the British Prime Minister Tony Blair, in an article written for Foreign Affairs, a periodical published by the New World Order Council on Foreign Relations. In the article, the Prime Minister outlines his battle plan, a war of "values" and "ideologies", where democracy reigns supreme and all other political systems must fall. Tony Blair - a professing "Christian", [praises Islam](#) and the Qur'an as an inclusive, progressive and tolerant religion...

Quote: *"To me, the most remarkable thing about the Koran is how **progressive** it is. I write with great humility as a member of another faith. As an outsider, the Koran strikes me as a reforming book, trying to return Judaism and Christianity to their origins, much as reformers attempted to do with the Christian church centuries later. The Koran is inclusive. It **extols science and knowledge** and abhors superstition. It is practical and **far ahead of its time in attitudes toward marriage, women, and governance**. Under its guidance, the spread of Islam and its dominance over previously Christian or pagan lands were breathtaking. Over centuries, Islam founded an empire and led the world in discovery, art, and culture. The **standard-bearers of tolerance** in the early Middle Ages were far more likely to be found in Muslim lands than in Christian ones.*

The Prime Minister states the Qur'an extols science, yet when confronted with the issue of creation becoming mainstream in British schools, he stated he would be very [concerned](#). He says the Qur'an is far ahead of its time in regard to attitudes towards marriage and women, yet in some Islamic countries women are routinely abused, and children as young as thirteen are forced to marry Muslim men and become literally female slaves. He says Islam is the standard-bearer of tolerance, but doesn't mention the horrific persecution that many Christians face in Islamic countries where it is against the law to openly practice the Prime Minister's "religion", and converts from Islam to Christianity face death. And he fails to mention the empire that Islam carved out of Asia was won by jihad, not by the book and its values. When you have a Prime Minister that praises Islam as a religion of tolerance, is it any wonder when the country's broadcasting corporation starts [lamenting](#) the defeat of Islamic extremism in Somalia?

Quote: *"Some residents say lawlessness has returned to Mogadishu - which had been under Islamic rule for six months... The situation seems to be descending back into anarchy, our correspondent adds.*

Here's what Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom during the Second

World War, said of Islam...

Quote: *"How dreadful are the curses which Mohammedanism lays on its votaries! Besides the fanatical frenzy, which is as dangerous in a man as hydrophobia in a dog, there is this fearful fatalistic apathy. The effects are apparent in many countries. Improvident habits, slovenly systems of agriculture, sluggish methods of commerce, and insecurity of property exist wherever the followers of the Prophet rule or live. A degraded sensualism deprives this life of its grace and refinement; the next of its dignity and sanctity. **The fact that in Mohammedan law every woman must belong to some man as his absolute property, either as a child, a wife, or a concubine, must delay the final extinction of slavery until the faith of Islam has ceased to be a great power among men.** Individual Moslems may show splendid qualities - but the influence of the religion paralyses the social development of those who follow it. **No stronger retrograde force exists in the world. Far from being moribund, Mohammedanism is a militant and proselytizing faith**. It has already spread throughout Central Africa, raising fearless warriors at every step; and were it not that Christianity is sheltered in the strong arms of science, the science against which it had vainly struggled, the civilization of modern Europe might fall, as fell the civilization of ancient Rome."*

What on earth is this country coming to? I'm afraid it looks like our "modern civilization", which many seem to prize so highly, has already fallen. As Christians, we do not hate Muslims or any other person of any religion, we love them in Jesus' name. But for the Prime Minister to blatantly twist the truth in order to score some political goal is not only deceitful, it's an affront to the values and beliefs the people of this nation hold and the freedoms the Bible has given us.

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

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