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**It is not too late...**

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I would like first to thank Kirche in Not, and particularly Mr Ragg and Mr Niggewöhner for inviting me to share your thoughts tonight. I feel it as a duty to you and as a sign of hope to discuss with you ~~both~~ the bonds that bind us together and also the mortal danger that in a not too distant future might destroy us together by suppressing the spiritual foundations which we share: the Judeo-Christian civilization.

It is not the first time that I speak to a Christian audience. As a daughter of Israel who has studied step by step the anguish, agony and death of the greatest Christian empire destroyed by the Arab-Muslim invasion, I realized very soon the nature of the modern, yet ancient threat. My book, *The Decline of Eastern Christianity*, published in a German edition also, was a long painful voyage that I undertook in the company of ghosts, taking me to destroyed cities, emptied villages and towns along the path of a millenary jihad. And I was wondering: What kept the faith, the resistance of the Christians?

The descriptions of their tribulations were interwoven with biblical lamentations. Throughout the centuries in Islamic lands, the persecutions against Christians and Jews went

together. I called the Islamic theological, and legal context pertaining to Jews and Christians: dhimmitude.

We are now living in a time of global jihad and dhimmitude. Jihad is the religious effort to expand the domination of Islam all over the world. This is a Muslim religious obligation.

Military jihad covers several fields: wars, terrorism, abduction, ransom, enslavement, and armistice conditions. The soft-jihad encompasses the spiritual jihad waged peacefully: propaganda and proselytism (*da'wa*); subversion of Western culture and societies by multiculturalism, and the insertion of shari'a values and laws in Europe; the corruption of influential infidels in high position to facilitate Islam's expansion and conquest. Jihad is as old as Islam – it is an ideology, a doctrine, a legislation based on religious texts; it has a global strategy, a world vision, and today it expands through a worldwide network. Jihad has been waged for thirteen centuries against non-Muslims, mainly Christians.

According to the jihad doctrine, the non-Muslim population is given a choice: conversion to Islam or submission to the Muslim authority and payment of a security ransom, the *jizya*. If they refuse both they are confronted with a war which entails massacres, destruction and enslavement.

When a non-Muslim population accepts to submit to Islam, it is obliged to pay the *jizya* for being protected from jihad, and accept very oppressive and discriminatory shari'a regulations – what I call dhimmitude. It becomes a *dhimmi* or a protected people. Jihad and dhimmitude are the two forces that have decimated the indigenous non-Muslim populations in their Islamized homelands. Today, jihad is displayed in all its traditional manifestations: military and economic warfare, terror, abductions, corruption of Western politicians in order to control the media, the universities and public opinion.

Islamic law covers the rights and obligations of the dhimmis in great details. This has been the subject of my research over the years. Dhimmitude is linked to jihad and like jihad it is a theological, political and legal institution. Dhimmitude is, in fact, the peaceful continuation of jihad because it is dhimmitude that has destroyed the massive non-Muslim majorities, mainly Christians, that were conquered and subdued.

Wars are fought on several levels but the spiritual one is probably the most important. The theological divergences that we, Jews and Christians, have with Islam have been obfuscated, yet we must know them in order to solve them. We must know that the Koran mentions biblical names like Adam, Noah, Abraham, some prophets and kings of Israel, and Jesus as Muslim prophets who preached Islam. But in fact these Koranic figures are very different from those in the Bible. For Muslims, Jesus is a Muslim prophet called Isa. In the Koran he has a different life, he received a revealed book and preached Islam.

So, then, there is a Jesus named Isa who is a Muslim prophet, competing with the Jewish Jesus, “born in Bethlehem of Judea” (Matthew 2:1). The mission of the Muslim Jesus is to destroy Christianity and all other religions. In the Islamic optic, Christianity is a falsification of Islam and of the true message of Isa, which is the same as that revealed to Muhammad. It follows that a good Christian is a Muslim. True Christianity is therefore Islam. As a consequence the true Bible is the Koran, the Holy Scriptures of Jews and Christians are just falsifications, and all the biblical figures are Muslim prophets who preached Islam. In practice, what are the consequences?

- 1) Biblical narrative in the Holy Land is Muslim history, and Jews and Christians had no history there since they came after Islam.
- 2) Muslims deny that Christianity unfolded from Judaism because they believe that it is a falsification of Islam. For this reason some Palestinian and Arab Churches (particularly in the Sabeel Centre in Jerusalem) tried to come closer to Islam by destroying the Jewish roots of Christianity.

This current is growing in Europe, supported by the antisemitic/anti-Zionist movement created by Palestinianism.

Palestinianism is the best tool to destroy Christianity. In the Islamic context, Palestinians materialize the jihadist ideology against infidels and also the Muslim replacement theology. The Palestinian war against Israel is based on the Koranic teaching that all the biblical prophets and kings and Jesus are Muslim prophets and that the biblical story is in fact a Muslim story whose truth is in the Koran, not the Bible.

Under the pressure of Palestinian terrorism in the late 1960s and the oil boycott (October 1973), Europe was complicit to the Palestinian jihad against Israel. Since 1973, the Palestinian jihad has become a joint Euro-Arab policy and culture: this is the origin of Eurabia. By justifying the Palestinian jihad against Israel, Europe went into a suicidal dynamic that legitimizes its own destruction and that of Christianity. The whole policy of Eurabia focuses on uniting Europe with the Muslim-Arab world, while suppressing its links with Israel, its spiritual roots.

The cultural and media war in Europe to delegitimize Israel accredits the Muslim belief that Jews and, therefore, Christians have no historical roots in the Holy Land. If Jews have no legitimacy in the Holy Land, it is the same for Christians, because Jesus is the Muslim Jesus – Isa. Another consequence of Muslim replacement theology is that when we speak of Judeo-Christian values we are, in fact, referring to Muslim values, because there are no Judeo-Christian values, since both Christianity and Judaism developed from a false interpretation of Islam. And when we refer to biblical narratives and figures, or to their iconography, we offend Muslims because they do not fit into the koranic model.

It is my opinion that we are now living in a period of reactivated jihad and dhimmitude. Those of you who have worked in South Sudan and Darfur and who have seen the atrocities there will recognize these legal tactics of jihad described in my books or in any Muslim texts on jihad from the 8-9 century onward. What happens in Sudan, Darfur, Iraq, Lebanon, Israel and other places evoke events described in those by Christians and Jews over a millennium ago. We see this same pattern of endless wars and persecution against Jews and Christians in Anatolia, in the Balkanic regions and all along the European Mediterranean coasts and on the European islands. Throughout the centuries we see, the same tactics of jihad repeated again and again against Jews and Christians in different places of the world. Abduction of Christians and Jews to obtain ransoms – like what happened recently in Iraq to Archbishop Paulos Faraj Rahho of Mossul – was a common practice in all the lands of Islam. Historical testimonies on such cases were endless. In the Vatican there is a huge archival materials consisting of letters from Christian families asking for money to pay the ransom of countless of European Christians, men, women and children who were abducted and reduced to slavery, and this went on for centuries. And this concerns only the Catholics but it went on for over a millennium for other Christian Churches. Nowadays in Egypt, young Coptic women are

abducted to force them to convert.

The reactivation of the jihad spirit inherent to Islam has reinforced dhimmitude against non Muslims – mainly Christians – since almost all Jews fled or were expelled after the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, Dhimmitude against Jews and Christians is inscribed in the shari'a laws and was abolished by the European colonial power only in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and with great difficulties. Anti-Jewish hate is always connected to anti-Christian hate and vice-versa as it grows from the same religious source.

For decades, Europeans have been conditioned by the denial of the history of jihad and dhimmitude. The repudiation of Israel's historical legitimacy in its own land, supports its replacement by a jihadist world-order with its Islamic conception of justice that seeks to debase or suppress all non-Muslim religions. This same doctrine denies Europe's own sovereignty and legitimacy and justifies the jihad against Europe – against Christianity. This Western adhesion to the jihad waged against Israel has perverted its own values and prevents Europe from understanding the dangers that challenge its own survival now.

For Christians, Israel is central in this context, because jihad is waged in the name of Islamic replacement theology against Jews and Christians, so that Isa replaces Jesus, and the Koran replaces the Gospel. Christians are linked to the Jews by the Bible. If Christians want to break from this bond, they will have to forego the First Testament, including the Ten Commandments, the Prophets, the Psalms more. They will have to find a way somehow to link the Gospel to the Palestinian Muslim Isa of the Koran. This is the aim of the Palestinian Liberation Theology. The challenge that Christians are facing now is not only a military jihad, but also a spiritual/cultural jihad, which is the Islamization of the roots of Christian theology. And this is the spiritual meaning of Israel for Christians now: either Christians will resist and face jihad, or they will accept dhimmitude, or they will convert and Europe will become one more Islamized Christian territory. The jihad against Israel is also a war against the Christian world.

I am now of the opinion that Europe has become the new land of dhimmitude and I will explain why. I have described in *Eurabia*, my last book, the causes that have triggered the dhimmitude of Europe. Politically and intellectually we have been conditioned to become dhimmis, without even knowing it because we do not recognize its signs, as this history has

been denied. I will give here four points:

1) Muslims consider that there is no Judeo-Christian civilisation so our European leaders have decided to agree that Europe has no Judeo-Christian roots, in order to integrate the Muslim immigrant population. We therefore lose the most important part of our identity.

2) Muslim law forbids non-Muslims, under pain of death, to criticize Islam and shari'a. Hence the European Union, fearing to irritate Muslims, has complied to this rule and has obfuscated the regime of terror and discrimination against Christians in most Muslim lands.

3) The EU leaders are suppressing any critics of jihad for the same reason. We are supposed to respect the Muslim view that jihad is always just because it implements the law of Allah and humiliates unbelief. From our perspective jihad has been and still is a genocidal war. Yet we are supposed to praise it. When the Pope, in his Regensburg lecture, quoted a 15<sup>th</sup> century Byzantine emperor stating that Islam developed by the sword, Muslims protested, accusing him of Islamophobia, and saying that Islam developed peacefully. We are supposed to admire and avoid criticizing jihad, although it was jihad that destroyed the Christian world. We see that the spiritual war directed against the Judeo-Christian values wants to condition our mind so that we will praise what will destroy us.

4) For Muslims, unbelief is always the source of evil on the planet, and therefore it is the West, America, Israel that are always blamed for the terrorism and crimes done by Muslims. It is written in a hadith: *“There would come people amongst Muslims on the Day of Resurrection with as heavy sins as a mountain and Allah would forgive them and He would place in their stead the Jews and the Christians”* (Muslim, vol. 4, chap. 1149, 6668). There are many such hadiths stating that sin will be taken from Muslims' shoulders and transferred upon Christians and Jews. The strange thing is that Christians accept this reasoning and instead of seeing the supremacist doctrine of jihad as the real source of war and terror, they accuse the existence of Israel and its self-defence policy. Christians have even unconsciously internalized upon themselves the Muslim transfer of guilt. They have adopted the jihadist view that the resistance of the victims of jihad is an aggression and is Islamophobic.

We consider that dhimmitude is a dehumanizing system, but for Muslims it is a generous tolerance offered to non-Muslims. So now, in order to accommodate the Muslims and their integration in Europe, our leaders have promoted in Europe the Islamic view of history. For this reason, Europeans ignore totally what is jihad and what is dhimmitude. So what are we going to teach in schools and universities in Europe – the Islamic version of

Islamic superiority and Western guilt; or the Western one based on historical facts and documents?

We are currently living a period of global jihad, which tomorrow can develop into a nuclear jihad and we don't know it, nor do we know how to defend ourselves. We are living a period of dhimmitude, we are conditioned by dhimmitude to accept the Muslim version of our history and we do not realize it because the historical framework of the past, of jihad and dhimmitude, has been obfuscated.

Let me conclude: There has been several interfaith dialogues for decades but with poor results. Europe has paid tens of billions to Muslim countries worldwide, to buy its security, but the culture of jihad is blossoming in Europe and in the Arab countries in spite of Europe's appeasement policy. Palestinianism which is a Muslim replacement theology was the tool that led to Europe's Islamization and dhimmitude. By joining the Muslim jihad against Israel, Europe has obfuscated its own history and, now faced with a global jihad, it is unable to assess correctly the situation and defend itself. A continent that bases its survival on appeasement, tributes, and self-denial is already a dead continent.

Israel represents the liberation of man from the slavery of dhimmitude, whereas Palestinianism represents the jihad and dhimmitude ideology based on replacement theology. Europe, enslaved by Palestinianism, has chosen servitude instead of freedom.

If we want peace to prevail, the Muslim world must abandon the jihadist ideology and must recognise Jews and Christians as different and not see them as apostate Muslims, who have to return to Islam. And this must start with Muslim recognition of the legitimacy of Israel, because jihad started against the Jews and it can only end with the rehabilitation of the Jews and Israel, and this will bring the rehabilitation of Christians and of all non-Muslims. We can achieve it if we speak the truth, if we teach about jihad and dhimmitude. Then, masses of peaceful Muslims, liberated from the jihadist ideology of hate, which many oppose or ignore, will join us willingly, to build together peace. But we cannot help the peaceful Muslims if we cannot even help ourselves – if we are swamped in dhimmitude. Now if you have patience for one more minute, I will say that the future of Europe is your responsibility – it is for you to act and to save what Christianity has built and the values that are yours, but if you are passive, you will not succeed, because the time is already very late. It is not your

fault, if you don't know, but it is your duty to know, to instruct others and also to learn – it is your duty to learn and instruct others who cannot learn – it is your responsibility.

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