

Oppressive Religion

Paul Harvey reported that when the president or prime minister of Singapore visited President Bush, he told our president that there are good Muslims and bad Muslims. The moderate Muslims hesitate to speak out against the bad ones, because they fear them – the possible repercussions. This certainly is not freedom of religion. It is control of state by religion. Their religion is their government in countries where they are in control. It would become that way in any other country where they could get control. The moderates would not be able to object, because they would simply be obliterated. We can see very clearly on the news that their clerics play a dominate part in their politics. Their religion, from its beginning, has always been a violent religion.

We do have freedom of religion here and the "good Muslims" have that freedom. We have separation of church and state, in the correct meaning of that terminology. That certainly does not mean or imply that religion is to have no influence in state. It is abundantly clear in all the papers of our founding fathers that Christianity was the basis of their deliberations as they formed our government. But the Muslim religion will not allow that and that necessarily makes it an oppressive religion.

The Christian religion is not oppressive, because it is to be propagated by persuasion and not force. It has its foundation in revelation from God, which has been verified abundantly by indisputable facts. These facts are centered in the historical evidences for the resurrection of Christ. These evidences are equally valid to the documentation of any other event in history. There is no other religion that has, or even claims to have, a revelation from an omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent being, whose son became incarnate to become their savior and lord and then return to his father. Not only did no other one do those things, but no other one then sent a third part of their trinity to give directions for establishing a body of believers to deliver a message of eternal salvation from sin.

The bottom line is that Christianity is the only revealed religion in the world. The moderate Muslims in our country ought to be willing to support our freedom of religion, because if the "bad Muslims" gain control of our country, they, as well as all the rest of us, will lose the freedom of religion. We will be no different from other countries where the Muslim religion prevails.

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