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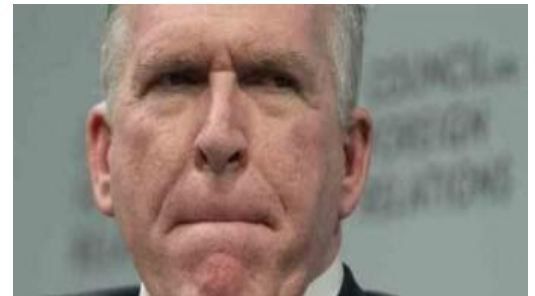
SHOCK CLAIM: OBAMA PICKS MUSLIM FOR CIA CHIEF

At the beginning of this year, I was surprised when I heard potential (now confirmed) CIA chief, John Brennan, was being promoted by President Obama as the best choice to head up that department. When hearing Mr. Brennan speak, it was obvious to me that he was very sympathetic to the religion of Islam. This caused me great concern. This was especially true when I heard Mr. Brennan say that his world view is heavily influenced by Islam. In the article below you will read one among many who believe, with good reason, that Mr. Brennan is actually a Muslim:

Former FBI Expert Claims John Brennan Converted to Islam

One of the FBI's former top experts on Islam has announced that President Obama's pick to head the Central Intelligence Agency, John Brennan, converted to Islam years ago in Saudi Arabia.

As WND has reported, former FBI Islam expert John Guandolo has long warned that the federal government is being infiltrated by members of the radical Muslim Brotherhood. But Guandolo now warns that by appointing Brennan to CIA director, Obama has not only chosen a man "naïve" to these infiltrations, but also picked a candidate who is himself a Muslim.



"Mr. Brennan did convert to Islam when he served in an official capacity on the behalf of the United States in Saudi Arabia," Guandolo told interviewer and radio host Tom Trento.

"That fact alone is not what is most disturbing," Guandolo continued. "His conversion to Islam was the culmination of a counterintelligence operation against him to recruit him. The fact that foreign intelligence service operatives recruited Mr. Brennan when he was in a very sensitive and senior U.S. government position in a foreign country means that he is either a traitor ... [or] he has the inability to discern and understand how to walk in those kinds of environments, which makes him completely unfit to be the director of Central Intelligence."

Brennan did indeed serve as CIA station chief in Riyadh in the 1990s and today holds the official title of Deputy National Security Advisor for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism. On Jan. 7, Obama nominated Brennan as the next director of the CIA, though he has yet to be confirmed (Brennan was confirmed as CIA Director on March 7, 2013)

"Are you kidding me?" Trento balked at Guandolo's allegations. "The head of the CIA is a Muslim? For real? ... Are you sure?"

“Yes I am,” Guandolo asserted. “The facts of the matter are confirmed by U.S. government officials who were also in Saudi Arabia at the time that John Brennan was serving there and have direct knowledge. These are men who work in very trusted positions, they were direct witnesses to his growing relationship with the individuals who worked for the Saudi government and others and they witnessed his conversion to Islam.”

A former Marine and combat veteran, Guandolo worked for eight years in the FBI’s Counterterrorism Division as a “subject matter expert” in the Muslim Brotherhood and the global spread of Islamism. Guandolo boasts he created the Bureau’s first counterterrorism training/education program and twice received United States Attorney’s Awards for investigative intelligence.

Guandolo is also one of the authors of the Center for Security Policy’s Team B II report, "Shariah: The Threat to America."

“My contention is that [Brennan] is wholly unfit for government service in any national security capacity, and that would specifically make him unfit to be the director of Central Intelligence,” Guandolo told Trento.

Guandolo then broke down a three-part argument against Brennan’s confirmation.

“The first is he has interwoven his life professionally and personally with individuals that we know are terrorists,” Guandolo asserted. “He has overseen and approved and encouraged others to bring known leaders of Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood into the government in positions to advise the U.S. government on counterterrorism strategy as well as the overall ‘war on terror.’”

Second, Guandolo asserted, Brennan has “proven through his own comments publicly that he is clueless and grossly ignorant of Al-Qaida’s strategy.

“Third and finally, which some would say is most disturbing, is Mr. Brennan did convert to Islam,” Guandolo said, but stressed, “I think the [larger] news is that that conversion is the culmination of the work of people in Saudi Arabia who worked for the Saudi Government – and that makes John Brennan just naïve, foolish, dangerously ignorant and totally unfit for this position.

“That in and of itself, again, shouldn’t be shocking to people,” Guandolo continued. “Mr. Brennan, they have the clip where he specifically says during a public address ... he said during that speech that he has learned and gets his understanding and his ‘worldview’ in large part from Islam. It shouldn’t be a large leap to imagine he’s converted to Islam.” (Article written by, Drew Zahn, World Net Daily, 2/10/2013)

Islam Goes Mainstream

Even among so-called evangelicals, it seems that many in leadership are succumbing to what I consider to be a spirit of "Islamification" in America. In other words, many are susceptible to being converted to Islam who are not well grounded in the Word of God. Many articles that I have published in *Prophecy in Perspective*, and on my blog, *prophecyinperspective.com*, have been written to inform believers as to the spirit of apostasy from the biblical faith that is predicted to arise in the latter days. The American Church, with its lukewarm conviction and theological tolerance, in the name of "open-mindedness" is rapidly shoving the true Savior, Jesus Christ, aside in an effort to accommodate Mohammad as an equal, if not superior bearer of God's truth. Part of this effort is to actually promote the idea that Bible believing Christians are partly at fault for why Islam is not really understood by Americans today. I believe the vast majority of Bible believing Christians actually possess a realistic view of Islam and its basic teachings. But I am seeing these types of Christians often vilified by a growing number of so-called "open-minded," irrefutably "enlightened" and "informed" evangelical intellectuals. This attitude has brought us the Christian and Muslim vile hybrid of "Chrislam."

While not promoting the "Chrislam" extreme, but certainly advancing its ideas, some well known evangelicals, like Ed Stetzer, who is president of Life Way Research, in the view of one writer, has greatly contributed to the growing effort in the American Church to mainstream Islam. I believe he, and many others are doing this with increasing boldness. Mr. Stetzer wrote an article for *USA Today* and has placed an expanded version on his blog. (I recommend you read this article in its entirety at http://browse.feedreader.com/c/Ed_Stetzer/404484440, or just Google, Stetzer: "love your neighbor, even the Muslim ones") Then you will have a better idea of what the following response is talking about.

"Why Are Some SBC Leaders Mainstreaming Islam?"

Southern Baptist operative Ed Stetzer is a leader. We know this because he tells us so. We invite Ed Stetzer to take the next 'At the Post' slot and defend his position.—the editors

In a USA Today piece from April 26, Stetzer, president of research at LifeWay, advances his agenda of mainstreaming Islam within the evangelical world. It is an agenda item that his friends like Rick Warren and Bob Roberts Jr. have been engaged with for some time.

When self-identified leaders within evangelicalism are afforded spots on the biggest platforms, it appears they are speaking for the rest of us. Which is ironic, because that's what Stetzer's USA Today PR piece for Islam seems to warn against: understanding others through the lens of what a few say.

Ed Stetzer doesn't speak for me, and many, many other Christians. In fact, I want to be clear about my view of his view of Islam: he's wrong.

Let me also be clear about something else: it's obvious that there are still many Southern Baptist pastors and leaders and laypersons who are staunch supporters of Israel, and who recognize the agenda of the jihadists to infiltrate the church. The problem is that visible leaders like Stetzer, Rick Warren, and Bob Roberts Jr. seem intent on pushing their Muslim friends on the rest of us.

(By the way, as an interesting aside, readers should know that Brian McLaren links to Stetzer's column on his own blog, thus giving McLaren legitimacy also in SBC circles—warmly, as McLaren himself might put it. Note to Stetzer: if Brian McLaren endorses you, it might be time to re-think those positions that garnered the endorsement.)

In his attempt to appear as a tolerant, reasonable person, Stetzer makes the following point at USA Today:

"For many Americans, their knowledge of Muslims is what they see on television news rather than what they know from experience. Yet, forming your view of any group based solely on what you see on the news is a bad idea."

I disagree. "Many Americans," as is painfully obvious, have accumulated their knowledge of Muslims from violent acts committed by Muslims since at least 9/11 (Steve Emerson has been reporting on the jihadist agenda much longer than that—www.investigativeproject.org). In fact, we "know from experience" that Islam sanctions murder and mayhem in order to establish a new caliphate.

Stetzer wishes to convince his readers that only a tiny, almost infinitesimal group of Muslims are committed to jihad. I would point out that people who study this full-time, such as [Frank Gaffney](#) and [Steve Emerson](#), would say that no one really knows how many Muslims are committed to jihad, but a leading indicator that the rest of us are in deep trouble is borne out by the fact that almost all Muslims are silent on the issue.

If most of them weren't extreme in their views, wouldn't we hear that on a large scale?

And why are evangelical leaders falling all over themselves to mainstream Islam?

I frankly think Ed Stetzer doesn't know what he's talking about. As [Daniel Pipes](#) put it recently in a column with the Middle East Forum:

"The establishment denies that Islamism—a form of Islam that seeks to make Muslims dominant through an extreme, totalistic, and rigid application of Islamic law, the Shari'a—represents the leading global cause of terrorism when it so clearly does."

Here Pipes is discussing the wider establishment, specifically our nation's leaders, but the point exactly fits certain current strains within American Christianity. In the case of the evangelical establishment, it is clear that a whitewashing of violent Islam—jihad—is the order of the day.

Make no mistake, we are all reluctant volunteers in the War on Terror, which, to be precise, is the War on Islamic Terror. Sadly, perhaps tragically, there are those among evangelical leadership who seem to be lost in the fog of this war.

Just after 9/11, I read an essay by a Middle East expert on Islam. The writer said that due to perceived Western weakness manifesting itself just after the turn of the century, Islam was now "standing up."

That is a chilling mental picture.

It also forces one to wonder why key evangelical "leaders" are taking that lying down.

We invite Ed Stetzer to take the next 'At the Post' slot and defend his position.—the editors (From "Why Are Some SBC Leaders Mainstreaming Islam? by Jim Fletcher writing for At The Post, May 31, 2013, <http://balfourpost.com/when-southern-baptists-mainstream-islam/>)

The Bible teaches that **"the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears" (2 Timothy 4:3)**. As Bible believing Christians who believe the Lord promised to lead us into all truth (John 16:13) we can certainly and realistically see that things are not as they should be in the present day evangelical Church. There is a growing openness to the influence of false religions, be they Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, or others. Truly, **"God so loved the world that He sent His Son..." (John 3:16)**. We must tell the good news that Jesus has come to die for sinners. While there are certainly nice people trapped in false religions and cults, they are still very lost and are sinners in need of hearing the truth about salvation from us as Christians.

Islam is a religion whose fundamental teachings assert itself as the one and only legitimate religion. Since Islam fosters among many of its adherents, from the literal teachings of Muhammad, that Jews and unbelievers must submit to Islam or die; then Christians, and many innocent Americans have a need to be very concerned. Accusing Christians of being close-minded and drawing conclusions too quickly, as he more than implies, is not the answer. And it certainly distracts from the real issues for the Christian to respond biblically to those who are lost in false religions with a clear testimony from the Scriptures of the Gospel.

We must, therefore recognize and reaffirm that the Christian's calling is to know and to testify that there is only one true God, and that is the Triune God: The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is not the same god that is described in the Koran! We know that the latter day apostasy of the Church is upon us today when we see Christian leaders refusing to take a clear stand for biblical truth. Christians today need to be exhorted, not to be more tolerant of believers in false religions, but they need to be exhorted, to take a clear stand for the Word of God, and through Holy Spirit led love and conviction proclaim the truth of the one and only Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ! In the words of Peter: **"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15)**. We are called, not to tolerance, which is a purely secular concept, but to love truth. All those trapped in false religions are lost and without Christ! They are under the influence of their leaders and writings that direct them to wrong belief which will lead them to an eternity of despair. These false teachers are misinforming their followers, **"with all deceivableness of unrighteousness**

in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (1 Thessalonians 2:10). Therefore, the object is not to call the Church to more tolerance, but to more conviction about truth! Our great commission is to be honest about the condition of the lost and to share with members of false religions the real solution to their dire need: Jesus Christ, who died for sinners and rose again! And, to share that He is coming back! In fact, one of the reasons why so many of these leaders are misguiding Christians in the area of tolerance verses conviction is because they are not teaching the doctrine of the imminent coming of Jesus Christ!

We are not instructed by the Bible to help Muslims to become *better* Muslims or Hindus to become *better* Hindus, but to capture their hearts by a clear testimony in word and action of the love of God through Jesus Christ Who came to save them from their sins! It seems to me that Mr. Stetzer is too focused on chiding Christians for their biblical convictions! As I have said, this is a growing trend in evangelical Christendom. It seeks the approval of the world, which is perishing without Christ. The need for these latter days, when Christ could return at any time, is for Christians to be *bolder* and more *convicted* of the Lord, as the Way, the Truth and the Life, and as our soon coming King!

Upward Call - *How to walk in view of Prophecy*

Does God Speak Through Tornadoes?

The Bible many times speaks about whirlwinds. In Jeremiah there is a reference to God sending ***"even a grievous whirlwind" (Jeremiah 23:19).*** The focus of this whirlwind is the ***"wicked."*** The wickedness in America has certainly grown to a crises level. Could God be trying to speak to America through these recent tornado outbreaks? I believe He is. God, Who defined marriage, the basic building block of society, as between one man and one woman is now faced with answering rebellious man in America who is seeking to redefine it also as "same-sex" marriage. The effort is ultimately to destroy the family so the world will be better prepared to be fully loyal to the coming Antichrist. We see in Matthew 24:15, Antichrist will demand absolute loyalty above God. In Revelation 13:16-18, we see that no one can buy or sell without the mark: 666. Also, in 1 Timothy 4:1, he and his followers will forbid marriage and command even what we can eat.

Further, our federal government is really pushing abortion and sex outside the bonds of marriage as a good thing. This is why there is a strong desire by the government to require even churches and Christian employers to provide birth control to members and employees. Requiring them to finance abortions is not far behind! Abortion is basic child-killing. The ancient practitioners of Baalism and other abominable religions, such as the worship of Moloch (Leviticus 18:21; Judges 10:6) in an around the land of Israel practiced such things. Further, because of President Obama's confused Islamic/Socialist/liberal Christian world-view, America is weak in its support of Israel's sovereignty as a nation. So long as America supports and advances the abominable and diabolical idea of a "two-state solution" then we can certainly expect more tornado and hurricane disasters.

Further, violence against the innocent, growing institutional and legal rebellion against the worship of God through the Lord Jesus Christ as is seen in rapidly changing rules in the military forbidding Chaplains and others to pray in the name of Jesus, and now the opening of the Boy Scouts to homosexual members, all tell us that the Bible and those who believe in it are being viewed with increased disdain. There is also a growing interest in combining sound doctrine with false religions like Islam and Hinduism to form vile hybrids like "Chrislam." Again, history shows that there were similar atrocities and abominations in ancient Israel. They were heavily influenced with the pluralistic and "open-minded" thinking of their day. God warned them over and over, but they did not listen. So, God uttered this prophecy against them, but also against any nation of our own day that forgets God: ***"Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord shall not return, until***

he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly” (Jeremiah 23:19-20).

The recent rash of tornadoes in Oklahoma, and in other states, especially the suddenness and immense and unusual destructive power of them, should make us pay attention. The recent tornado in El Reno, Oklahoma was the biggest in the history of the world, measuring at least 2.6 miles across and having multiple vortexes and wind speeds in excess of 300 miles per hour!



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God, is speaking to America! Interestingly, this prophecy from Jeremiah says: ***“in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.”***

This indicates to students of Bible prophecy, that these predictions and their purpose will become clearer in the latter days. Most prophecy teachers who believe and teach sound doctrine believe that we are now in the latter days. This whirlwind that God declares that He will send is said to come to manifest the ***“anger of the Lord”*** which, Jeremiah states, ***“shall not return, until He have executed, and till He have performed THE THOUGHTS OF HIS HEART.”*** I believe that God is telling us the thoughts of His heart in these recent tornado disasters.

While we see many who believe in God also have had their homes damaged and even been taken to heaven through some of these devastating tornadoes, we can be sure that God is speaking through the “whirlwind,” and through other disasters and scandals in America today. It is time for Christians to take a clear stand for God and for His truth! Are you a compromising Christian? Today is a good day to repent and to humble yourself before the Lord and to walk, talk, vote, and work in ways that are consistent with Biblical Christianity and faithful to the Lord Jesus. He is coming for His church at any moment! (2 Thessalonians 4:13-18) Are you watching? (Posted on June 4, 2013 by prophecyinperspective.com)

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