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On Borders and Boundaries

“And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings.” --Acts 17:26

Seizing another opportunity to chasten his own before the world, Pres. Obama joined Mexican Pres. Felipe Calderon last week in blasting Arizona's new immigration law, calling it a "misdirected effort." The President, however, declined to speak to any specifics in the measure, suggesting that, like Attorney General Eric Holder and Homeland Security Chief Janet Napolitano, he has not reviewed it, and facts may not bring a change of mind in the matter.

Also piling on was Michael Posner, a deputy secretary in the U.S. State Department, and former president of *Human Rights First*, an organization funded by open borders advocate George Soros. As a key negotiator in a "human rights dialogue" with China last week, Posner said his side brought up U.S. "treatment of Muslim Americans" and the Arizona law. "It was mentioned... as a troubling trend... and that these are issues very much being debated in our own society," said Posner.¹

Strenuously objecting to Posner's comments were Arizona's two senators, Jon Kyl and John McCain, who, in an open letter wrote, "To compare in any way the lawful and democratic act of the government of the state of Arizona with the arbitrary abuses of the unelected Chinese Communist Party is inappropriate and offensive." The New York Post called the comments "misguided moral equivalence" and "despicable", citing China's treatment of its own Muslim population, the Uyghurs, as well as its policy of sending back refugees who arrive from North Korea, "where certain, agonizing death awaits them." ^{ibid}

But Mr. Posner should know that. And Messrs Obama and Calderon should know that concerning immigration, America is without peer. The United States is number 1-of-192 nations in the number of naturalized citizens. Approximately 21 percent of the world's immigrants live in the U.S., more than the next five nations combined, not to mention that the U.S. accepts more than twice the number of resettled refugees than the total of the next nine countries.²

Not every immigrant, however, waits his turn. Last year some 250,000 uninvited persons in the Tucson sector alone were apprehended in the federal "catch and release" operation, including 52,000 OTMs (other than Mexicans). But perhaps a million others—maybe double that amount—did enter the country illegally at various other points along the 2,000 mile southern border. The numbers are so disturbing that at least 10 other states are reviewing the new Arizona law.

Documents obtained from a federal detention center near Phoenix reveal that a growing number of OTMs are potentially militants from at least a dozen terrorist sponsoring (foreign) states including members of *Hezbollah* and *al-Qaeda*. A news story filed by *WSBTV—Atlanta*, shows a Douglas, AZ rancher with a Muslim prayer rug found on his property. Neighbors have retrieved military jackets emblazoned with an airplane flying into a building and Arab insignias translated "Martyr—Way to Eternal Life," indicating that not everyone crossing U.S. borders illegally is coming to wash dishes.

The concept of “open borders” is gaining traction among liberal lawmakers, including many who already support so-called “sanctuary cities” like New York City, San Francisco, Seattle and Olympia where city officials brazenly defy federal immigration laws. Dr. Walter Williams, noted economist and columnist, asks “open border” proponents—yes or no—Do all seven billion people on earth have a right to live in America?

Although America’s founders would scoff at such a question, they clearly understood the need to provide for a fair and orderly path to U.S. citizenship while at the same time protecting the *several states* from unwanted intruders. To accomplish this, they established four basic requirements. These include:

1) five years of (lawful) residence within the United States; (2) a 'good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States;' (3) the taking of a formal oath to support the Constitution and to renounce any foreign allegiance; and (4) the renunciation of any hereditary titles."³

Alexander Hamilton believed that “... the safety of a republic depends essentially on the energy of a common national sentiment; on a uniformity of principles and habits; on the exemption of citizens from foreign bias and prejudice; and on the love of country...” Jefferson feared that large movements of immigrants from corrupted or more restrictive governments, could, in proportion to their number, infuse into America, “... their spirit, [and] warp and bias its direction, and render it a heterogeneous, incoherent, distracted mass.”⁴

Polls show that a majority of Americans consider illegal aliens lawbreakers. But they support Arizona lawmakers largely because they believe the Dept. of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is not doing its job—not because they wish to punish anyone. Americans pity the downtrodden who are seeking a better life. “Believers” understand that God watches over the “strangers” or “aliens.” Because Israel had known what it is like to sojourn in foreign lands, the Lord entreated his people to regard the *strangers* among them kindly. The Word says, “*He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.*” (Deut 10:18)

Even so, certain things were required of (registered) aliens in ancient Israel including observance of the Sabbath. Mosaic Law says, “*In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.*” (Ex 20:10). For those who wished to assimilate (become naturalized citizens) the Law commands, “*And when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land...*” (Ex 12:48).

Simply put, God determines the habitation and the boundaries of the nations, and visitors should respect local customs and ordinances. Were it not so, no one would be a “stranger or alien.” But the spirit of Antichrist cares not for the nations, much less their boundaries. *The Assyrian* boasts, “*... By the strength of my hand I have done it, And by my wisdom, for I am prudent; Also I have removed the boundaries of the people, And have robbed their treasuries; So I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man*” (Isa 10:13).

It is illuminating that *Assyria* (territorially) encompasses virtually all of the modern Islamic terrorist states; those having declared their intentions towards America and the Jewish State of Israel. Yet the final portion of Isaiah 10 is good news for the remnant of Israel who will one day cease to rely on him who strikes them down and instead will turn in truth to Jesus Christ, the Holy One of Israel.

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¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Posner_%28lawyer%29

² <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Immigration>

³ “Key criteria for citizenship of the Naturalization Act of 1795 remain part of American law,” *The Heritage Foundation*

⁴ “Our Founders’ Solutions for Illegal Immigration,” Chuck Norris, *townhall.com*, 5/18/2010