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## When the Lord Departs

*And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!" But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him.*  
--Judges 16:20

Scandals involving two federal leviathans, the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Justice Department, have administration supporters worried that President Obama's "fundamental transformation of America" is losing momentum. Key congressional Republicans, on the other hand, are concerned that when all is said and done, no one will end up in jail.

While previous administrations have also at times abused their constitutional powers—using federal agencies to intimidate political opponents, it is nevertheless a scurrilous practice that is anathema to a constitutional republic. That said, a threat greater than the current IRS and Justice Department scandals is quietly metastasizing in every U.S. federal agency, including the military and intelligence communities. Concerned watchdog groups call it political-correctness on steroids.

While numerous Tea-Party and pro-life/pro-marriage groups are being bullied by the IRS, a host of tax-exempt Islamic "charities" with ties to the *Muslim Brotherhood*, are being ignored by the same federal regulators. In 2008, leaders of several Islamic "charities," were indicted for funneling tax-free cash to *Hamas*, a leading terrorist organization.<sup>1</sup> But that was then.

Clearly, the Obama administration has become very cozy with the *Muslim Brotherhood* which was founded in Egypt in 1928 by Hasan al-Banna, an admirer and supporter of Adolf Hitler. It was al-Banna who had Mein Kampf translated into Arabic in the 1930s.

According to Robert Spencer with the David Horowitz Freedom Center, "al-Banna's disciple, Haj Amin al-Husseini, the mufti of Jerusalem, was also a Muslim Nazi; he spent World War II in Berlin recruiting Muslims for Hitler's legions and laying plans to open gas chambers in the Middle East. His plans were thwarted only by Rommel's defeat at El-Alamein."<sup>2</sup> Bottom line; the mission of the Muslim Brotherhood has not changed in its 85 years—not one jot or tittle! Its motto is:

"Allah is our goal. The Prophet is our leader. The Qur'an is our law. Jihad is our way. Dying in the way of Allah is our highest aspiration."

While President Obama has been the most Islam-friendly White House chief executive to date, the road to an unholy alliance began in earnest in earlier administrations. President Clinton, for instance, became quite chummy with the late Yasser Arafat, a leading Islamic terrorist with perhaps more innocent blood on his hands than Osama bin Laden. He was a thug, according to a 1993 report by British Intelligence, that siphoned away billions of dollars of foreign aid, engaged in "extortion, payoffs, illegal arms-dealing, drug trafficking, money laundering and fraud."<sup>ibid</sup>

Clinton met Arafat a total of 24 times in eight years—honoring him with more White House visits than any other foreign head of state. In 1996, First Lady Hillary Clinton invited Muslim leaders to

celebrate *Eid-ul-Fitr* (the close of Ramadan) at the White House—a practice George W. Bush continued—later noting to Muslim guests that he was the first president to place a Qu’ran in the White House library.

Unquestionably, the incorporating of Islamic rituals into official White House observances has morphed into disturbingly bad policy. In 2006, U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents gave officials with the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) a tour of security operations at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport. CAIR was founded in 1994 as a spinoff of the Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP), a terrorist organization. According to CAIR’s Chicago office, “the group walked through Customs and Borders operations beginning at the point of entry for passenger arrival to customs stations, agricultural screening, and the interview rooms. Or, how about Kifah Mustapha, a Muslim Brotherhood operative linked to Hamas, who, in 2010, took an extensive tour of FBI headquarters and the National Counter-terrorism Center?”

Appointments of Muslims to posts in sensitive intelligence agencies are even more troubling. Consider Imam Mohamed Magid, the president of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) which was named an unindicted co-conspirator in the Holy Land Foundation trial in 2008 for providing funding to *Hamas*. Magid, serves as a member of the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) “Countering Violent Extremism Working Group,” and is also a close adviser to the National Security Council as well as President Obama. Other Muslim Brotherhood officials are also working inside DHS.

A troubling insider at the Department of Defense (DoD) is Louay Safi, who was named “unindicted co-conspirator No. 4” in the trial of Palestinian Islamic Jihad leader Sami Al-Arian. Safi, who is also the political head of the Syrian National Council, a Muslim Brotherhood-dominated group, enjoys access at the Treasury and State departments, and is used by the DoD to teach Islam to U.S. Army military personnel at various bases, including Fort Hood, and to formulate responses to incidents that Islamists consider offensive.

While there are further questionable appointments, including Huma Abedin who served as deputy chief of staff to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the point is: Islam is not, as Mr. Bush said, “a religion of peace.” *Islam* (interpreted) means “subdue.” Some even speculate that Islam might be the fourth horse of the Apocalypse—a “chloros” (green) horse with a rider whose name “...was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger...” (Rev 6:8-9)

Some seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, the Holy Land was very divided, both geographically and politically. Israel (or “Ephraim”) was a confederacy of ten tribes occupying territory to the north, and Judah, with two tribes, comprised the southern kingdom. Like red states v. blue states, the two kingdoms did not get along. Israel built shrines for, and placed confidence in foreign gods; while Judah, more subtly, trusted in the fortified cities they built to defend themselves against the Assyrians.

For many years, prophets urged both kingdoms to repent and turn from their wicked ways. Neither paid much heed. But, in as much as Israel was practicing “in-your-face idolatry,” worshiping foreign gods and trusting in foreign alliances, God began to deal first with the northern kingdom. As their wealth, health and power diminished, Hosea observed, “*Strangers devour his strength, and he knows it not.*” (Hosea 7:9).

It is no exaggeration to suggest that “things” in America are going terribly wrong. Like Israel, America’s strength is being devoured before our eyes. But, like Judah, things in the Church might not be all that pleasing to the Lord either. Judah was at ease because of her fortified cities. The Church is at ease because of her fortified “worship centers” with soothing messages. Repentance is far from her mind.

Is there any voice crying in the wilderness?

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<sup>1</sup> The government presented evidence that Holy Land Foundation and the five defendants provided approximately \$12.4 million in support to Hamas and its goal of creating an Islamic Palestinian state by eliminating the State of Israel through violent jihad. Evidence was also presented that several of the defendants have family members who are Hamas leaders, including Hamas’s political chief, Mousa Abu Marzook. [fbi.gov/news/stories/2008/november/hlf112508](http://fbi.gov/news/stories/2008/november/hlf112508)

<sup>2</sup> Spenser, Robert, “Muslim Brotherhood,” David Horowitz Freedom Center, 2012, pg.2