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Jesus Is Her Bodyguard

A Nun cries out against the consummate evil of Islam

“Hatune’s willingness to help the persecuted is so immense that it surpasses what anyone is doing today in the Middle East.” --Theodore Shoebat, son of Walid Shoebat, former Palestinian terrorist-turned Christian

Over the years, we have presented to our readers, suggestions for “person(s) of the year.” This season, we find ourselves intrigued by a woman we know very little about because for some reason, mainstream Christianity is not pursuing her story. Perhaps because others aren’t interested in her (making us very curious), we will stick our necks waaaay out and present to you, an Orthodox nun who from all reports, courageously ministers in some very dark places.

Sister Hatune Dogan is a Syrian Christian Orthodox nun born in Turkey and namesake of the Hatune Foundation, a non-government relief organization headquartered in Warburg, Germany with chapters in some 30 countries.

Hatune, who ministers among the Yazidi and Christian minorities of Syria and Iraq, was in the U.S. recently, and spoke to several church groups in Minnesota. Her burden is for the persecuted Church, including Christians who are being slaughtered in many places throughout the Middle East, and especially, innocent children. She believes that unless the Church cries out concerning the unfathomable horrors we are witnessing in the East, they will soon begin occurring in the West.

Sister Hatune speaks of her native Turkey, particularly the cruelty experienced by her kin in 1915 at the hands of the Ottoman caliphate who slaughtered three million Christians and reduced others to second-class status, or “dhimmitude.” Hatune’s immediate family eventually fled Turkey in 1985.

Dressed in traditional black garments and a habit covering her hair, she wears a simple wooden crucifix around her neck and carries with her a well-worn copy of the Quran wherever she goes to teach about the current situation in the Middle East.

“ISIS is not fanatic. ISIS is not more terrible. ISIS is real Muslim believers who like to follow the Quran and Muhammad,” says the Nun whose worldwide relief organization has been honored by the German government for its dedication to human rights. “The slaughter and mayhem ISIS is bringing to the world is nothing new... It is just the re-emergence of Islam’s dark side. Others say they are Muslim. They say they believe Quran, but they don’t follow it,”¹ says Sister Hatune.

Drawing on her own family background, Sister Hatune has recently finished work on her 13th book, I Believe in Action, written to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Christian genocide in Turkey. In this book she compares the life of Jesus to that of Islam’s “prophet,” Muhammad.

“I not write from my head. All facts,” she said. “Muhammad came and he brought killing, beheading, pedophilia. He slept with a 9-year-old girl, he married when she was 6 years old. We know because she says it herself in the Hadith. In Yemen today, where Shariah is the law, they have to marry the girl before her first menstruation, maximum of age 13, because it is written.”

Sister Hatune quickly thumbs through her Quran and finds other commands that she says lead Muslims to murder Christians in the Middle East. “Twenty-five times in Quran it says to kill Christians because we are involved in polytheism,” she says, explaining that Muslims do not understand the concept of the Holy Trinity. “Also it says to not make friends with Christians.” “A mosque is not just for prayer,” the nun adds. “It is to prepare to kill the unbeliever and control the world.” ^{ibid}

“In conquered cities, ISIS has marked the homes of Christians with a red symbol of the Nazarene. They are then visited by ISIS militants who bring unspeakable horrors upon the families.” ^{ibid} Sister Hatune says it is justified under Surah 5:33 in the *Quran*, which states:

“Indeed, the penalty for those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and strive upon earth [to cause] corruption is none but that they be killed or crucified or that their hands and feet be cut off from opposite sides or that they be exiled from the land.”

Muslim apologists in the West say the verse is taken out of context...but Sister Hatune believes otherwise. “Those of us Christians from Middle East—we know them. We know their rules,” she said.

While Sister Hatune came to America with a plea for help, she says she also came with a message for Americans. “America is inviting its own slaughterers to its door,” she said, referring to the U.S. policy of taking in Muslim refugees through the United Nations refugee program. “You have already a parallel society in America,” Sister Hatune says. “In 50 years they will kill your grandchildren before your eyes. The Middle East is already here... It is at your door.” ^{ibid}

That’s a message many churches in Minnesota were not ready to hear, said Debra Anderson, who heads a local chapter of *ACT! For America* and sponsored Sister Hatune’s recent visit. “... [I]t was rough trying to get her invited to speak at the churches in Minnesota. Some of it was her message. She is very critical of the Muslim governments.”

One church group that invited her to speak gave her a reception that Anderson described as “cool.” They visited an order of Catholic nuns and “five or six of them walked out near the end of her presentation,” she said. “Some of the photos of human suffering she showed in her presentation; I think they were really shaken,” Anderson said.

One particular nun interrupted Sister Hatune’s presentation with a specific concern. “Sister, that’s enough,” she said, voicing her concern about a potential backlash against Muslims in the community if Sister Hatune’s documentation were to ever get widely disseminated.

But while some were repelled by the stories of thousands of girls being raped and the images of Christians being crucified by ISIS or Muslims playing soccer with the heads of their victims, others responded by coming up afterward and asking how they could get more information and possibly get involved in helping these persecuted Christians.

“My mission is to help the suffering people where they are,” Sister Hatune said. “They cannot come to me, so I go to them. One hundred percent of donations go to the suffering people. We are all volunteer... We have two fish and five loaves, and God is multiplying.”

One who heard her message asked her if she was afraid. “Everyone has fear,” Sister Hatune said. “But I am called to show solidarity. You do that, not with talk, but with action—with duty. Jesus is my body guard.”

Indeed Sister Hatune, He is your body guard. And, we salute you as our 2014 “Person of the Year.”

Rick Forcier

¹ www.wnd.com/2014/12/nun-pleads-for-christians-raped-sold-killed-by-isis/