

The Morality of Asylum

There is a great deal of confusion about how we should handle the thorny problem of asylum, that is, allowing people to come to live here because of political or persecution reasons in their home country. The problem has been exacerbated by the ceaseless arrival of the 'boat people' and the deaths associated with this illegal trade, but there is a moral solution.

On the one hand we have the bleeding hearts, who would turn no one away, and on the other are those like the Islamic nation we saw on television recently, give them a bottle of water and some food and send them back to sea.

In the middle are our politicians, struggling with on-shore, off-shore detention, temporary or permanent visas, and the unmentioned, but very real problem that almost all the boat people are Muslims.

The problem seems almost insurmountable, because no-one can agree on the morality upon which these decisions should be made. Indeed just today, (July 4th 2012) Christine Milne, the Greens leader, summed up the problem by her comment, "It's not about moral purity – it's about human rights", while another government representative, the Home Affairs Minister Jason Sinclair, contradicted, "The best way to avoid these deaths is to remove the incentive." The result is the total confusion and procrastination we have seen in Parliament and frustration for the Australian people, as more and more boats arrive.

The history of this situation goes back to the legislation passed by the Hawke - Keating era, which recognised the need for deterrence policies if Australia was not to be overwhelmed with aliens. That foundation was built upon by John Howard, who established a successful policy, insofar as the boats largely stopped coming because they realised that there was no free ticket to Australian residence, but rather a careful off-shore process to weed out the fraudulent.

Nevertheless, the real problem remained. The genuine, lawful applicants, who were stuck in refugee camps around the world, had to wait far too long for their application to be considered, while there were many more – the not so law respecting, rich enough to make an illegal entry by boat, based upon doubtful claims because they destroy all of their identification, just waiting in the wings for their opportunity.

Even then, there were those who portrayed any selection system as evil; the compassionistas, who apparently had no thought for quotas, selection, or whether or not the asylum seeker was genuine. They would have open slather, seemingly without regard for the certain destruction and way of life we in Australia enjoy.

In this they were supported by the soft left, the Greens, government funded media like the ABC and parts of the press with a labour bias, just as had occurred in Britain, with very dangerous results.

The illegals gained their opportunity with the return of Labour to government. The policy which had deterred boat people was dismantled as heartless and cruel, and on-shore processing quickly resulted in a rapid influx of those prepared to pay huge amounts to people smugglers for a risky passage on a ramshackle boat. They knew that once that distress signal was sent, they would be rescued by Australia and be assured of a better life, especially if they tore up their passports and lied about their origins.

This is where we are now. More and more boats. More confusion in Parliament. More lives lost at sea. Worse still, there is no end in sight to this sad situation because most of the world is in a mess, plagued with the result of man's wrong choices over millennia, and the evil influence of one whose goal is the destruction of as many human lives as possible. 2 Corinthians 4:4, *'The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.'* Revelation 12:9,

'The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. NIV.

It is significant that most of those attempting to reach Australia, are fleeing from areas cursed with the violence and degradation resulting from religions with little regard for the value of human life. The only fully real solution to this ever worsening situation is beyond mankind's control, for in truth it lies in the return of Jesus Christ to replace *'the god of this age'* and the establishment of His rule here, over all nations.

However, the question for us, remains. What should be done **now**, to avoid the loss of lives among these desperate people?

In such difficult situations we should re-examine the one book which provides us with true morality, the truly moral way to solve our problems. Sometimes, we can find relevant laws, and sometimes, patterns of behaviour and example which reveal principles that should be applied, even today. Always these are much better than the knee jerk, emotional and superficial reactions we see bandied around today, from all directions.

In the book of Exodus, which provides us with the Ten Commandments, we find guidelines for this situation. When an alien finds refuge with us, *'One law shall be him that is home born, and unto the stranger [foreigner] that sojourneth [dwells] among you.'* Exodus 12:49. *'Do not mistreat an alien or oppress him, for you were aliens in Egypt.'* Exodus 22:21, *'And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt.'* Deuteronomy 10:19.

Here are instructions that we should accept into our nation those in genuine need and treat them as one of us, providing that they accept and respect our values and way of life. Notice that qualification. Not everyone without selection – only those who are prepared to leave behind **their laws**, traditions and foreign ways and adopt the laws, standards, values and freedoms of the Australian way of life.

It needs to be recognised as a principle that any nation has the inalienable right to preserve its identity and culture. That is why we find the oppression of the Tibetans by China so despicable. That is why Israel will not give the 'right of return' to the millions of Muslims whose ancestors fled or were driven from the newly created Jewish state in 1948, lest their culture be obliterated. That is why Western women have to cover up in Arab nations and why other foreign religions are prohibited in many Muslim lands.

That inalienable right is particularly relevant to the fact that the vast majority of the illegals arriving by boat are Muslim. Australia is a Western, Christian nation still. No nation can allow the control of its borders to be ignored, lest their identity be overwhelmed by sheer numbers, and the fear of Islam gaining gradual control here is becoming apparent among our population, for Islam cannot be separated from Sharia law.

A bipartisan Federal Parliamentary enquiry into the nation's acceptance of culturally diverse communities, is shortly to conclude that the largest issue facing the nation is the acceptance of Muslims, who many Australians fear have an agenda not at one with the countries values. ('The Australian')

Clearly, it has become obvious to many that there is an Islamic agenda, [the Dawa] which aims to convert the world to Islam, replacing all Western forms of legal and judicial systems with the Sharia. It also includes the eradication in all its forms and ramifications of all non-Muslim religions, something we are already witness to in the violent persecution of Christians in African nations, starting with Nigeria and Sudan, and Asia, particularly Pakistan. There is no reason to believe that should Muslims outnumber native Australians by immigration and birth rate, as will soon happen in some European nations, that this country would be an exception.

This then, the protection and preservation of our Western Christian foundation and culture, is something that the compassionistas have not taken into account, in their cries to accept all who can climb onto a leaky boat.

We do not have to think back very far, to remember what happened in the London bombings, as a direct result of a deliberate and vast uncontrolled influx of Muslims, and so it is not surprising that we see a growing

public concern. Yes, we must accept, love and have concern for those who wish to find refuge here and are **willing to integrate** into our society, but the Bible also provides us with the example that when Israel was given the land of Canaan by God, they were not to tolerate the continued existence of the evil Canaanite religions, which claimed the lives of thousands of innocents, babies sacrificed to such gods as Molech - and who can deny the murder and violence of Islam, which causes so many refugees? Deuteronomy 7:1-2,4, *'When the LORD your God shall bring you into the land whither you go to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before you, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you; And when the LORD your God shall deliver them before you; you shall smite them, and utterly destroy them; you shall make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them, For they will turn away your son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy you suddenly.'*

In our society, we enjoy freedoms unheard of in Islamic states. Consequently, we need to prohibit the entry of those who would bring with them a religion whose stated aim is to remove those freedoms. This is just common sense and no more than is practised in many nations. Consequently, a selection process **must** form part of the solution.

That selection process must take place **off-shore** because we have seen that the on-shore process provides too strong an incentive pull to the boat people, when so very few are ever removed. We would need to establish efficient emigration offices in countries abroad where application could be speedily made from those willing to abide by our conditions **permanently**, and at the same time deny entry to any who arrive illegally, returning them to country of origin after they have provided that information in detention off-shore. Yes, a few genuinely fearful refugees would refuse to provide that information, but once the boat people saw that they would be put through that off-shore process, it would not be long before the boats stopped coming again. Those few, remaining, who could prove themselves genuine, could then be admitted. This is the moral solution and it will save the lives of many.

This solution may not be politically correct, but it is morally correct, and political correctness has got us where we are now, a social tool of a left wing government which is not concerned that we could see our nation swamped in the name of 'human rights' which take no consideration at all for the real human rights of Australians to have their culture and freedom preserved.

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