

Executing Mass Murderers and Other Promoters of Bloody Mayhem

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What are we, as Christians, to make of Israel's successful killing of Salah Shehadeh, Hamas' top commander? It's a tough question but I am going to make a stab at it.

First of all, Mr. Shehadeh's goal in life was to kill Jews no matter how old or how young or of whatever sex. For example, he was the mastermind behind the attack on an Israeli school in March that left five students dead. If anyone reading this essay is comfortable with this then the discussion ends here. In the ghoulish endeavor of killing as many innocent people as possible, he was very successful.

However, if Jews everywhere don't deserve the death penalty, please read on.

The shortsightedness by the popular media on this war going on is unnerving:

- 1.) If anyone should take most of the blame for this, it is the British. They set up impossible borders without a thought to the consequences of the people who lived there. This could also include India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and parts of Africa, as well – all a mess.
- 2.) Palestinian Christians are caught in the middle. Every time Israel strikes back at the terrorists, their security and peace are threatened. This is a legitimate concern. If you lived among bloodthirsty killers who have no interest in the rule of law, republican forms of government, and the other niceties of civilization in the west, you would be caught on a fence, too. In fact, if you didn't cry "murder" anytime the Israelis attacked the PLO, you would be a suspected "collaborator." If I were they, I would emigrate anywhere ASAP because Christians in PLO controlled areas will wind up like Christians in all other Muslim countries – persecuted in a thousand ways, murdered, mutilated, etc.

"Make war on the unbelievers and the hypocrites and deal rigorously with them." – Koran 9:73
"Those that ... spread disorders in the land shall be put to death or crucified or have their hands and feet cut off on alternate sides, or be banished from the country." - Koran 5:33

- 3.) No one hears from Palestinian "collaborators" because, for the last few decades, any Palestinian who wants peace with Israel is rounded up, tried in a monkey court as a "spy", and/or is either lynched or disappears.

"Those who follow [Mohammed] are ruthless to the unbelievers but merciful to one another." - Koran 48:29
"Those who avenge themselves when wronged incur no guilt." – Koran 42:41

- 4.) No civilized person likes to see children blown up by missiles. It is not like Mr. Shehadeh was some oddball living among normally happy innocent people who wanted to petition the U.S. or the UN for justice – like the Dalai Lama. He lived in a hotbed of Hamas sympathizers and others like himself, including young children, who are taught from the earliest ages in their schools to hate Jews and to rejoice when one is savagely murdered, as was Danny Pearl of the Wall Street Journal. It wasn't some aberration what happened to Mr. Pearl. What was odd was that he should have known what might happen to American Jews in Muslim countries. Muslims in the West, however, did not openly rejoice upon Pearl's death as they did in Pakistan. (We should recall the celebrations in Cairo and Gaza during the 9/11 attacks if anyone thinks these people are "friends".) Muslim apologists continue to spread lies about how peaceful they all are, hoping to capitalize on the inexcusable ignorance of many in the West. This is despite the continual stream of atrocities against women, foreign workers, and non-Muslims in all Muslim countries. Freedom of speech and religion does not exist in any Muslim country. Converts in these lands are murdered.

"The unbelievers among the People of the Book [Jews and Christians] and the pagans shall burn forever in the fire of Hell. They are the vilest of all creatures." - Koran 98:5,6

- 5.) One could say that the Nazi Hermann W. Goering was to Jews in 1941 as Salah Shehadeh was to the Jews in 2002. The Israelis blew up Shehadeh. They also probably blew up his brothers, his children, his parents, and a host of others who, from the beginning, want to kill Jews in any way they can – until there is not one Jew left on the face of the earth. One can just imagine PLO pre-school playtime, “Now children, here is a Jew. You must destroy as many of them as you can when you can” And so on, as if Jews were some kind of vermin. If you were Jewish and this monster had killed dozens of your young children would you be mourning right now? PLO snipers are itching to put bullets through the heads of Jewish infants in baby carriages. These are not nice people. Nothing the Israelis have done has convinced me that they want to do the same. President George Bush called Sharon’s action “heavy handed.” Is this tongue in cheek? When we set Tokyo on fire during WWII, I bet there were a lot of Japanese who thought that was “heavy handed.”
- 6.) No one should spiritually or literally place infants, for example, in the sights of a rifle. Jesus said this is evil and those who do such things would be better off with a millstone around the neck and thrown into the sea. Israel is a democratic republic with real courts, newspapers of every kind, legislatures, and an elected prime minister. They are struggling through difficult times and it is very easy to pick on such a small country when the Muslim world is just enormous and threatens any who disagree with their murder and mayhem. If the PLO didn’t want to push Israel into the sea, the crisis might be less ambiguous. On the other hand, one can only pity Palestinian Arabs who want to get on with their lives and are, like many “Christians” here – Muslims in name only (MINO’s).
- 7.) This is not some local event between angry people claiming the same piece of turf. It is a clash of worldviews – a war of the titans. It is the bloody point where the proxies of Islam are mounting jihad against the rest of the world, including the United States. Hopefully, Israel will not fail.