

# CORRIE WARNS OF 'RELIGIOUS' IGNORANCE

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The great Indian politician Nehru once said, “The spectacle of what is called religion, or at any rate organized religion, in India and elsewhere has filled me with horror, and I have frequently condemned it and wished to make a clean sweep of it. Almost always it seems to stand for blind belief and reaction, dogma and bigotry, superstition and exploitation and the preservation of vested interests”.

A greater Indian leader M Ghandi likewise said, “Religion is a personal matter which should have no place in politics”. If you prefer the words of a great African—Desmond Tutu (himself an Anglican ArchBishop) said, “When the Christian Europeans came to Africa we Africans had the land and they had the Bible and they told us to close our eyes and pray, when we opened our eyes they had the land and we had the Bible.” (To be fair the same can be said of the Arab Islamic penetration of the African continent).

Christianity and Islam, two mighty organized religions, both with their blessings and curses when allowed to wield political power. Five hundred years ago the (still) mightiest of all Christian religions the Catholic Church possessed great political power and the ‘Inquisition’ was unleashed on the world, many innocent people lost their lives, thank God the Catholic Church has matured and realizes that inflicting physical harm on human beings is an act of ignorant and savage mortal men—not the ordinances of heaven. Remember the savagery unleashed on Afghan women under the Taliban?

Unfortunately Islam has not learned this lesson, most Muslims will tell you “Allah is a Merciful God”, yet they cannot see yet that Shariah Law is pure ignorance and barbarism, I cannot count how many Muslims (who swear they are peaceful people) I have engaged in conversation who told me ‘Allah is merciful’ yet believe ‘Allah decreed the cutting off of a thief’s hands as punishment for stealing. Or that “it is the will of ‘Allah the merciful’ that a woman should be stoned to death for adultery. How can anyone be intelligent and not reject such nonsense? The Dark ages are over, step into the light please.

Everyone (Christian and Muslim) condemns Osama bin Laden (in public in Western Countries anyway) —yet many of these same people will tell you they are ‘God-fearing blind faith followers of their religion and never question any of the teachings contained in their so-called holy books’. I remind them that Osama and his followers are also 'blind faith' followers—who never stop to think if some of the nonsense they read could really be from a flawed human writer and not an omnipotent God.

I for one see no need to fear God—Jesus said he is my heavenly father, and how can you fear your own father—unless he's a tyrant. I am pretty sure God/Allah never wrote a single book ever, common sense tells me mortal men who 'believed' that God spoke to them/appeared to them—wrote all these so-called Holy books. Quite often people who think God literally talks to them are mentally unstable and dangerous. Jesus said Satan can make himself even appear to be an Angel so thanks to Jesus I can understand that ancient writers could easily have been deceived by demonic spirits posing as God or one of his Angels.

Does anyone with any intelligence think the same God who sent Jesus the peacemaker—who admonished us all to condemn the sin not the sinner (that rules out any right we think we have to inflict any death sentence on anyone) truly believe that God ordered Moses, King David and many others—to “slay every man woman and child of your enemies”. Bear in mind Jesus said “It is not God’s will that a single child should come to grief.” Or are we supposed to believe that God has a multiple personality disorder?

Abraham is a patriarch of Jews, Christians and Muslims, but if you look at Genesis chapter 20 verse 12 you will read that Abraham's wife Sarah was in truth his sister (same father different mother). I'm no genius but I doubt this is God's will or we might as well remove all the incest laws from our law books. David Koresh and Jim Jones (and all their idiotic followers) also had blind faith that God was communicating with them and giving them divine instructions.

Bear that in mind the next time you fail to examine what your 'religious leaders' are telling you.

Come on people, use your God-given intelligence and examine your man-written 'holy books' carefully, anything that cannot be considered moral, fatherly, peaceful or merciful is not the will of God, just the beliefs of immoral and blood thirsty mortal men.

My advice to Christians is to cherish the four gospels for no fault can be found in them in terms of moral teaching, but discard the rest of the Bible, it will serve no beneficial purpose to your children (who only need to know what Jesus had to say) to read of the debauchery in the old testament. No one in the Bible is of more importance than Jesus the Christ.