

## ***Background***

I was born in Australia of immigrant parents from the UK and during my schooling I mixed with people from many countries, races and religious beliefs. During all this time I would say that multiculturalism worked incredibly well as we all shared facilities, different foods, played sport together and helped in community projects together. My friends all called themselves proud Australians, not Italians or Chinese, or Greek or Vietnamese. They all identified as Australians.

But this is not true today, sadly. Recently my wife and I travelled extensively through Europe, through Spain, France, Italy, Britain and Ireland and witnessed first-hand how Islam is threatening their culture, their democracy and their way of life. We witnessed not just conflict and open hostility towards democratic government but the segregation caused by groups of Muslims living in enclaves. Let me quote some examples:

- 1) The French government has a website which lists over 750 districts that are dangerous for a non Muslim to enter. Many areas of Britain are the same with places like Birmingham, Tower Hamlets, Luton and Bradford being unsafe for non Muslims;
- 2) In many countries like Sweden and Denmark, there are rape epidemics where the majority are by Muslim men who know that under Sharia law they receive no punishment. Britain has a rape epidemic from taxi drivers who deliberately target white British women;
- 3) Everywhere Muslims call to remove symbols of Christianity such as crosses and crucifixes and call for bans on celebrations of Christmas and Easter, and this is undermining the culture of the host countries;
- 4) Muslims are over-represented in crime and unemployment statistics and many come deliberately into countries with strong welfare systems and have no intention to work but produce 5 to 6 children which are funded by the National Health and welfare systems;
- 5) Hospitals are suffering where Muslim staff refuse to use alcohol scrubs and women wear long sleeved clothing which attracts bacteria;
- 6) There has been an increase in demand for the practice of female genital mutilation which is required under Islamic Sharia law, and this is barbaric and should never be allowed;
- 7) There has been an alarming increase in the practice of honour killing which is also permitted under Sharia law in some situations;
- 8) Muslims openly practise polygamy as it is allowed under Sharia law even though it is technically illegal under the host country law;
- 9) Policing in the UK now has two separate rules, one for Muslims and one for non Muslims. For Muslims Police are to inform Islamic leaders before they raid a house, they cannot enter at night time, they must not take videos because of modesty and police dogs must wear booties. For non Muslims, it is whatever it takes to make an arrest;
- 10) Halal meat requirements are dividing the community because Halal food is pushed onto non Muslims who are deprived of choice, and in France it has been shown that over 60% of Halal food outlets are controlled by the Muslim Brotherhood;
- 11) Britain has embraced Sharia Finance even though the experience from America suggests that this is just a way of funding terror organizations like Hamas and Hezbollah. At least 29 charities which receive funding from Sharia Finance products have been linked to funding terror. Even the promoter of Sharia Finance, sheik Yusuf Al-Qaradawi calls it "Jihad with Money".

These are just a few ways to show how Muslims are not integrating into democratic societies.

### ***What do world leaders say?***

Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew has recently stated "I would say today, we can integrate all religions and races except Islam". Singapore has tried, made concessions to Islam but it did not work.

Angela Merkel of Germany has echoed the same sentiment where their largely Turkish Muslims refuse to learn the language, or seek employment or even intermarry. Turks are known to practice fetching where they import first cousins from Turkey to marry, so they never assimilate.

David Cameron of the UK and Nicholas Sarkozy of France have also admitted that Muslims do not integrate into their societies but live in enclaves and keep to themselves.

### ***What is happening in Australia?***

Muslims are in greater numbers in Europe and the UK and their experience clearly shows that Multiculturalism does not work when it comes to Islam. This should be a warning to Australia because why should Australia be any different? We shall show it is not.

Consider now some of the clear examples of how Multiculturalism is not working with Muslims in Australia.

1. We now have separate toilets and washrooms for Muslims only in public places like university campuses, airport terminals and government buildings. At Latrobe university the Muslim facilities even have keypad access to keep out non Muslims, and universities are supposed to be equal opportunity environments;
2. We have separate prayer rooms for Muslims and non Muslims and once again, our universities are problematic in this regard. Multiculturalism should be about integration, not segregation;
3. We have public swimming pools where areas are segregated off for Muslims only and even now in Dandenong, the public are all expected to dress in Islamic attire at certain times. In Monash, the council is spending \$45,000 per pool to curtain off their public pools to give Muslims privacy. This is favouring Muslims at the expense of all other Australians;
4. We have Halal food thrust onto most Australians removing choice for over 21 million Australians just to appease Muslims who represent only 2% of our population. The AMIC have stated that 100% of goat meat, 85% of lamb, 65% of chicken and over 50% of beef is Halal slaughtered. Moreover major supermarket chains are selling Halal meat unlabelled and Coles have admitted to selling only Halal chicken. We no longer can buy chicken because of this and we should not be denied this choice. I don't object to Muslims eating Halal food but I do object when I have no choice in the matter;
5. Many schools and kindergartens have removed pork and bacon products because it offends them, but why does everyone else have to be denied for the sake of 2% of our population?
6. In our public and private schools, text books are appearing which promote a positive opinion of Islam and ignore the violent way Islam was propagated. Text books are being rewritten to distort history and this will have a detrimental effect on our young generation;

7. At our universities, Islamic departments are springing up and largely are funded by Saudi oil money. This is accompanied by a frightening rise in anti-Semitism and this is polarizing our community. It is divisive and against the principles of Multiculturalism. We have seen this recently in the Marrickville state elections in NSW where the Greens candidate Fiona Byrne was calling for a boycott of all Israeli goods and services.
8. In our schools, universities, hospitals and public buildings we are seeing calls to remove symbols of our Christian society which is undermining our heritage. This is not a sign of inclusiveness.
9. We see other signs of segregation where Muslims want Muslim only doctors, dentists and even lifesavers.
10. During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago, chatter on the Muslim Village website suggested Muslims were afraid to donate money because they only wanted their money to go to other Muslims. This is of course what Islamic doctrine demands they do but it is against the spirit of Multiculturalism in Australia where we believe in giving a helping hand to all people, regardless of religion or ethnicity. This was demonstrated after the tsunami in Indonesia and the more recent flooding in Pakistan. Christian organizations were the leaders in donating aid but it is not reciprocated by Muslims.
11. In November 2002, the AMA published a statement opposing the practice of FGM in hospitals, but it is worrying that they would even consider such a move. Muslim lobby groups have an increasing influence of public life in Australia.
12. In recent times, leading Islamic clerics have called for aspects of Sharia law including polygamy which is banned under Australian law.

This dynamic exposes how the religious aspect of Islam is tightly coupled to Sharia law and this is testing our foundational beliefs that there is one law for every Australian and everyone receives equal treatment under the law. In Britain they experimented with Sharia courts and tribunals and now have over 100 operating with the result being two parallel legal systems. Women particularly are disadvantaged under Sharia law and some British non-Muslim males are visiting Sharia courts to receive a better deal in divorce matters.

### ***Why is this happening?***

It is obvious for the few examples above that Muslims are not integrating into Australian society and in fact they are segregating and following Apartheid practices.

Danish psychologist Nicolai Sennels has written books and published many articles on Islam and Multiculturalism and he states *“for a society to succeed, its citizens must be able to unite around common core values. When people identify with a culture whose values are not rooted in the nation’s indigenous culture, this identification happens at the expense of identification with the greater community. The step towards acting in violation of the community’s interest is therefore shorter, which is one of the reasons for the dramatic over-representation of certain immigrant groups in crime and unemployment statistics”*. The essence here is that Muslims adhere to a value system that is incompatible with democracy and hence Multiculturalism will fail if a Muslim follows the teachings of Islam.

Multiculturalism embraces the concept of tolerance and this concept is missing in Islam. Philosopher Karl Popper commented on this in 1945 and said: *"Unlimited tolerance must lead to the disappearance of tolerance. If we extend unlimited tolerance even to those who are intolerant, if we are not prepared to defend a tolerant society against the onslaught of the intolerant, then the tolerant will be destroyed, and tolerance with them...In this formulation, I do not imply, for instance, that we should always suppress the utterance of intolerant philosophies; as long as we can counter them by rational argument and keep them in check by public opinion, suppression would certainly be unwise"*. Our problem in trying to accommodate demands of Islam is that we are tolerating the intolerant. This is a big clue as to why Muslims can't integrate into a democratic society.

Islam, unlike Christianity, is a totalitarian ideology where the religious element is tightly coupled to a legal entity called Sharia law and both are governed by a Sharia religious form of government. Muslims are not permitted to obey man made laws and this is why they shun democracy.

At the Hizb ut-tahrir Caliphate conference and reported by Sally Neighbour in the Australian on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010, an Islamic leader Burhan Hanif told Muslims to shun democracy. He states:

*"British Hizb ut-Tahrir leader Burhan Hanif told participants at a conference in western Sydney yesterday that democracy is "haram" (forbidden) for Muslims, whose political engagement should be based purely on Islamic law. We must adhere to Islam and Islam alone," Mr Hanif told about 500 participants attending the convention in Lidcombe. We should not be conned or succumb to the disingenuous and flawed narrative that the only way to engage politically is through the secular democratic process. It is prohibited and haram. He said democracy was incompatible with Islam because the Koran insisted Allah was the sole lawmaker, and Muslim political involvement could not be based on "secular and erroneous concepts such as democracy and freedom".*

Sally Neighbour from the Australian again reports on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Islamic preacher Ibrahim Siddiq-Conlon points heavenwards to emphasise his message for the governments of Australia -- there is no God but Allah and only his laws should be obeyed.

*"My attack is on the Prime Minister of Australia," he said yesterday. "I hate the parliament in Canberra. I want to go straight for the jugular vein and advise the parliament that they have no right to legislate. They should immediately step down and let the Muslims take over."*

An Australian-born convert to Islam, Siddiq-Conlon is the self-anointed leader of a group called Sharia4Australia, which is pushing for the introduction of sharia courts as a first step towards achieving Islamic law.

*"One day Australia will live under sharia; it's inevitable," he said. "If they (Australians) don't accept it, that's not our problem. We hope, and our objective is to have a peaceful transition, but when you look at history that has never been the case. There's always been a fight. It is inevitable that one day there will be a struggle for Islam in Australia."*

All this is very clear. These leaders are explaining what Islamic text and doctrines tell them to do and this is evidenced all around the globe with over 17,000 terrorist attacks since 9/11 2001 committed by Muslims following these teachings.

### ***Consider Islamic core doctrines***

To understand why this is so, consider one of the most fundamental and important doctrines in Islamic teaching, the doctrine of “al wala wal-bara”, or loving and hating for Allah.

Allah hates unbelievers and hence Muslims must follow this and not befriend or help in any way an unbeliever of Islam, or over 21 million Australians. Hence Muslims did not want to donate to victims of the Victorian bushfires unless they were Muslims themselves.

\* Al-Wala wal-Bara' is part of the Shahadah (testimony of faith) that being 'La ilaha' which is the portion from 'La ilaha illallah'. This means to be free and immune from all that is worshiped besides Allah (s.w.t.) as He the Almighty states: “And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): ‘Worship Allah (alone), and avoid (or keep away from) Taghut (all false deities, ie. do not worship Taghut besides Allah)” [Sura 16:36].

\* The eminent creed of Al-Wala'u wa Al-Bara' is the strongest bond of Iman. Al-Barra' bin A'aazeb (r.a.a.) narrates that the Prophet (s.a.w.) said: “The strongest bond of Iman is the love for Allah's sake and the hatred for Allah's sake” (Reported by Imam Ahmad).

This is not Multiculturalism and when you understand this core doctrine you can understand why it is difficult for Muslims to integrate into Australia's democratic society.

### ***Conclusion***

We showed first how Multiculturalism has failed in Europe with respect to Islam and the results are clear and unmistakable. We have also demonstrated that the same effects are already entrenched in Australian society and can only get worse as the Muslim population rises.

By examining the doctrines and basic teachings of Islam it is obvious that there is an unbridgeable divide between democracy and Islam.

No amount of interfaith or government funding or appeasements will affect the outcome because the root problem is within Islam itself. This means that special treatment towards Islam should stop, the government should not change our taxation laws to enable Sharia finance and mosques should be monitored for hate speech

The government should also as a matter of urgency adjust the immigration policy to favour those immigrants who are able to integrate and accept our democracy and don't seek to change or destroy our values which have made Australia the envy of other countries.