

An Iraqi Priest Describes the Christian Genocide – There Is No Such Thing As Moderate Islam

There are many people who keep on telling us that ISIS has nothing to do with Mohammedanism. That is a lie and they make that statement with no evidence to support their untruthful utterance. In actual fact, all the evidence without exception – let me repeat that with greater emphasis on one word: ALL the evidence without exception – firmly and beyond doubt proves that ISIS is a perfectly valid expression of Mohammedan beliefs.

That means that life for those non-Mohammedans caught up in the vomit-inducing barbarity of ISIS is usually painful and often brutally short. Below I quote from an Iraqi Roman Catholic Priest's impassioned speech to [The Meeting for friendship among peoples](#) (known as the Meeting in Rimini) held, as usual, at Rimini in Italy this August and organised, as usual, by the lay Catholic movement [Communion and Liberation \(Comunione e Liberazione\)](#).

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Father Douglas al Bazi Recounts the Christian Genocide in Iraq

"Please, if there's anyone who still thinks ISIS doesn't represent Islam, know that they are wrong. ISIS represents Islam one hundred percent." Father Douglas al Bazi, an Iraqi Catholic parish priest in Erbil, raised his voice during an intervention at the Meeting in Rimini, with a choice of words – in a provocative way and in hard tones – that few had ventured use so far.

He carries on his own body the scars of the torture he underwent nine years ago, when a band of Jihadists kidnapped him for nine days, keeping him in chains and blindfolds along with a broken nose from being kneed: "For the first four days they didn't even give me anything to drink. They would walk past me saying 'Father, do you want some water?' All day long they would listen to the reading of the Koran to let the neighbours hear what good believers they were."

Soft diplomatic language and fashionable respectability which is used to avoid clashing with various sensibilities, are not for Father Douglas. No room in his words either, for the debates on the more or less high level of moderation inherent in religions. The same goes for appeals to dialogue at all costs with the decapitators and hangmen of old, retired scholars and – even with the caliph himself. Father Douglas's intervention is not very much in line with some western social and cultural debaters and 'preachers' but more along the lines of the local Bishops, such as the Patriarch of Baghdad, mar Louis Raphaël I Sako, who, in his book "Stronger than Terror" (Emi) accused the Ayatollah al Sistani, the highest authority of the Iraqi Shiites, of having remained silent regarding the Jihadists' persecutions against minorities because "they won't listen to me anyway".

Father Douglas Al Bazi is in charge of two refugee shelters for Christians who survived the advance of the black horde – not far from Ankawa. After the marking of houses with the "n" of the Nazarene plus the Christians displaced on the Nineveh plain, a year ago, "from morning to night we receive thousands of refugees" and the exodus continues. "I'm proud to be an Iraqi, I love my country. But my country is not proud that I'm part of it. What is happening to my people is nothing other than genocide. I beg you: do not call it a conflict. It's genocide", said the priest,

who doesn't want to hear anything about "moderate Islam": "When Islam lives amidst you, the situation might appear acceptable. But when one lives amidst Muslims, everything becomes impossible. I'm not here to instigate you to hate Islam. I was born amid Muslims and I have more friends among them than I have with Christians. But people change and if we go to my country, no-one will be able to distinguish the light from the darkness. There are those who say: "but I have lots of Muslim friends who are very nice". Yes, certainly! They are nice over here! Over there the situation is very different!"

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Father al Bazi's account is of one who runs the risk of being murdered on the street every day: We never know if coming out of the church we'll be able to go into it again alive. In Baghdad they had the church explode right in front of me. They shot me on the legs with a AK-47, a type of Kalashnikov, and probably sooner or later they'll kill me". Yet his faith is solid: "When they put me in chains, during my kidnapping, they tightened a big padlock on my wrists. On the chain there were ten extra rings, which I used to recite the Rosary. I have never prayed it so earnestly as I did in that situation". "I – added Father Douglas – don't implore your help. I'm not frightened just as my people aren't frightened either. I believe they'll destroy us in the end. But I also believe that we will have the last word. Jesus told us that we need to carry our own crosses, and that is what we in the Middle East are doing. Yet the most important thing is not the carrying of the cross, but following it. And following it means accepting, challenging and committing oneself right to the very end".

"We need to have patience and carry the cross each day, but we also must react", said Father Ibrahim Alsabagh, parish

priest in Aleppo, echoing him, and reported how the city is now “divided in tens of parts, each one of them in the hands of a different group of Jihadists. Our Church of St. Francis is sixty metres from the firing line. They have already hit many churches, we don’t know when it will be our turn”. Here is why Father Douglas, at the end of his intervention, launched a warning to the feeble West:

“Wake up! The cancer is at your door. They will destroy you. We, the Christians of the Middle East are the only group that has seen the face of evil: Islam”.

(The above is quoted from [Rorate Caeli](#).)

There I must disagree with Father al Bazi. Once, all Christians knew that Mohammedanism, that we are now supposed to call ‘Islam’ because that’s what the Mohammedans want, was and is the face of evil. I have written elsewhere and often at NER about how Christians from the very first recognised Mohammedanism for the pernicious evil that it actually was and is. Today, there are good Christians who fail to recognise evil, who tell us that evil *per se* doesn’t actually exist, that the concept of evil is just an unhelpful construct that leads to the blaming of individuals for their actions, when their actions were more than likely driven by more rationally comprehensible and scientifically psychological reasons. For those Christians, and for many other people, there is no such thing as evil, there are just different motivations for actions and those motivations have to be understood along with the actor.

Well, that’s just rubbish, complete drivel. The idea that the jihadists of Mohammedanism and the believers in that vile, corrupt and filthy system of beliefs are not intrinsically evil is just ridiculous in the extreme. They live in the same world that I do: a world in which every other religion and secular group (the vast majority of the world’s population in other words) preaches kindness, co-operation, toleration and

love, freedom and democracy (albeit the practice of these concepts is imperfect) and yet they choose, yes, they choose, knowing the alternatives, to follow the ugly, evil and irrational dictates of Mohammedanism, a creed that stands for not one virtue, for not one positive aspect of mankind. That choice, the rejection of all that is good, demonstrates the existence of evil far more clearly than any words of mine could ever do.

The next time that somebody lies to you and tells you that ISIS has nothing to do with Mohammedanism send them a link to this article and challenge them to reply to Father Douglas al Bazi!