

Frederik Pleitgen, Chief CNN Correspondent, Declares Himself

Frederik Pleitgen – who is described as CNN’s senior foreign policy correspondent– has been on, in Paris, being interviewed by Anderson Cooper. He was describing the spontaneous demonstrations, or collective demonstrations, of anguish, and he declared himself pleased to see that there was no hint of “anti-Islam” feeling and, furthermore, he described seeing – how many, one wonders? – some Arabs in the crowds too. A handful? A few dozen? Just how many? And were they Muslims, or former Muslims?

But why does Frederik Pleitgen, CNN’s senior foreign policy correspondent, concern himself with the possibility of anti-Islamic sentiment? Is he aware of what the Qur’an, and Sunnah, inculcate? Is he aware of reasons, any reasons at all, why some Muslims – a very few, really – in the West might find it in their self-interest to mislead as to the teachings of Islam, and as to their own real feelings? And why should not people in France, or the United Kingdom, or Germany, not after many years of attacks, and as we now know, many more attacks that did not take place not because of any remorse of conscience – no agenbite of inwit among Muslims – but because of good police work. In fact, there have been attacks in France recently, two in which supposed “*desequilibres*” ran down Infidels, in one case at a Christmas market, and a third attack on a policeman, and Hollande revealed just today that in recent weeks the French security services had foiled several other potentially deadly attacks. Perhaps Frederik Pleitgen, who is so quick to offer up sympathy for Muslims, whom he absolves on the basis of what, exactly?, and so quick too, to use the prefabricated phrases about the “far-right” – apparently he thinks that to be anti-Islam is to be “far-

right” which would include, I suppose, the far-left Oriana Fallaci and the far-left Theo van Gogh and the very far-left Charbonnier, the editor murdered just this morning.

When will the frederik-pleitgens of this world either be removed from their positions, their dangerous power to mislead and misrepresent European reality (still another of those interviewed by Cooper in Paris was Christopher Dickey, now the editor of The Daily Beast and a man who, when he ran the Newsweek office in Paris, had a picture of Yassir Arafat on his wall for many years), or shamed into ending their refusal to engage in the study of Islam, and the history of Islamic conquest, of many different lands and peoples. And if these frederik-pleitgens (with the occasional mispronunciation of English words, and hesitancy in speech) insist on making, as they do, so many pronouncements about that ideology of Islam and its adherents, and about those in the Western world, not at all “far-right,” who insist on no longer hiding their justifiable fear of both, perhaps the shallow and prefabricated phrases, and the diseased sympathy for Muslim-victims of a nonexistent “Islamophobia” (if, by Islamophobia, is meant an *unjustified* and *unreasoning* hatred of Islam), then studying Islam, reading the texts, understanding the Hadith, for example, and those parts of the Qur’an that are, with a guide, fully intelligible, is the least they can do. They presume to instruct us, even as they are mere reporters, and often most tendentious in their presentation; very well then, learn enough about Islam to earn the right to instruct us on such matters.