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### Blair's Slander of Ulster Protestantism



Prime Minister Tony Blair has provoked anger among Ulster Protestants by comparing Islamist extremists with “Protestant killers” in Northern Ireland. The Prime Minister was accused of character assassination, after making the reference during a speech on global terrorism and religious intolerance. In an impassioned defence of his foreign policy, he insisted Britain’s involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan was a clash about civilisation rather than between civilisations. Mr. Blair also said ministers have been advised against using the phrase “Islamist extremist” as the government seeks to counter the terrorist threat.

He told the Foreign Policy Centre in London: “There are those who say the extremists who commit these acts of terrorism are not true Muslims. And of course, they are right. They are no more proper Muslims than the Protestant bigot who murders a Catholic in Northern Ireland is a proper Christian. But unfortunately he is still a Protestant bigot. To say his religion is irrelevant is both completely to misunderstand his motive and to refuse to face up to the strain of extremism within his religion that has given rise to it.”

The comparison has rightly outraged many and the point was quite legitimately made by a number of politicians that Mr. Blair had ignored 30 years of republican violence and had focused on one side of Northern Ireland’s religious controversy. He did not point the finger at the IRA, and the Roman Catholic Church that refused to condemn years of IRA terrorism during its murder campaign.

However, that does not come to the heart of the lying slander of Tony Blair. In truth, there is no such thing as a “Protestant Terrorist.”

Now there are such things as Roman Catholic terrorists and Islamic terrorists. That is, you have those who claim to be Muslims and Roman Catholics and who engage in the most atrocious acts of murder and terror, and that with the sympathy and support of their respective religious communities!

The proof of this may be seen in the fact that men such as Martin McGuinness and Gerry Adams, and a host of others of the same ilk, were termed “good Roman Catholics” throughout the years of their involvement in IRA terrorism. The many historical books, written about the activities of the IRA by those who had more than a little sympathy with its cause, record occasions when the blessing of a priest was imparted to IRA terrorists before they went forth to kill and destroy. Likewise, the same accounts record the shelter given to them by priests and monks and nuns during their unlawful enterprises.

Furthermore, the attendance of the said IRA men at public worship in Roman Catholic chapels during which they received the “sacrament of the Mass,” was commonly reported



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for all to see in the newspapers.

The Roman Catholic church stoutly refused to excommunicate any IRA members, despite the many calls upon it to do so, and that oftentimes from prominent lay members of that church.

Likewise, Islam exonerates and encourages terrorism in its name. It is a wicked lie for Blair to say that such individuals are not "good Muslims".

Leading Muslim clerics say differently. A look at the reported comments of Muslim clerics over the conversion of Abdul Rahman from Islam to Christianity is proof enough of this fact.

Where are the Muslim authorities calling for Abdul Rahman's release and denouncing as contrary to the teaching of Islam, the calls for his death?? There is none, for Blair is a liar and Islam does support and promote and bless terrorism.

The only difference between Rome and Islam on this issue is that Rome is more conscious of the views of western civilisation and therefore issues the occasional public denunciation of terrorists, while continuing to nurture and comfort and support them by the means of the solace of her spiritual ministrations.

Protestantism, on the other hand — and here I include even those denominations which have departed from the faith of the Bible on all cardinal doctrines — has never condoned or offered the comfort of the means of grace to those who have espoused terrorism.

In truth, "loyalist terrorists" were virtually to a man, irreligious and profligate. The very few exceptions to this were misguided fools who were told so in no uncertain words.

They were not in membership of denominations which owned the Bible as their only rule of faith and practice. They were not permitted to attend the Lord's Table.

There are many who were former terrorists who now are welcomed into the ranks of Bible-believing churches. That is but right. Repentance from sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ brings a man into a new relationship with God and with his fellow man.

Paul the apostle wrote of himself: "Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; and was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ: but they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. And they glorified God in me," Galatians 1:20-24.

During the troubles in Ulster, there have been such conversions as that which Saul the persecutor of the early church experienced.

But Protestantism never condoned and aided the cause of terrorism, however it may have welcomed the converted terrorist into its ranks.

Tony Blair is at heart a Papist who hates the cause of Christ and the Bible-believers of Ulster in particular.

This latest outburst places him amongst others who harbour the same bitter hatred. Irish President, Mary McAleese slandered Protestants by likening them unto Nazis. This wicked lie was repeated by the priest "Father" Alec Reid.

The Word of God has a description of them all that is most fitting. "He that hideth hatred



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with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool," Proverbs 10:18.

The folly of the perpetrators of lies has yet to be fully seen but it undoubtedly will.  
"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death," Revelation 21:8.