

# Culture in Conflict

## Sharia Law : A Hidden Agenda

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**Editor's Note:** There are many Muslims living in our country and not all of them are terrorists. They are not all radical trying to have Sharia law introduced into our court systems. They are ordinary people working to feed their families and raise their children. They do not hate America but came here with the same dream that other immigrants did – to make better lives for themselves. However, we must be vigilant to make sure those that **are** trying to have Sharia law introduced will not succeed because this is the law of another land and should not supersede the laws of this land. We must pray for the Muslim people still in slavery to Islam and Sharia law)

Over the past few years we have witnessed a change in our judicial system. United States judges, despite having taken an oath to uphold the laws of our nation, are now ignoring that oath and citing Sharia law, the laws of other nations, in our courts to determine the outcome of certain cases. This oath is required by Title 28 of the U.S. Code to be taken by each federal judge before performing the duties of office. It is entitled "Oaths of Justices and Judges," and it states: "I, name here, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as under the Constitution and laws of the United States. So help me God."



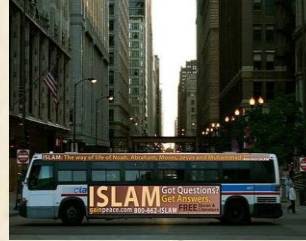
Nowhere in this oath does it allow the application of foreign laws, including Sharia law, to be a determining factor when ruling on cases in the United States. Any judge who takes this oath must be held accountable to uphold the standards of our constitution and the laws of **this land**, or be subject to impeachment. When a judge invokes Sharia law in an American courtroom, he is violating his judicial oath and he is basing his decision on his own personal agenda.

Not only have our judges started considering and citing Sharia law in court cases but the American Bar Association (ABA) has decided to undertake the fight FOR Sharia law. In a recent argument the ABA decided to organize a Task Force to review the legislation of fourteen states in which anti-Sharia legislation has been introduced. While that is bad enough, there are even greater consequences that arise when a judge or lawyer applies Sharia law in a U. S. court.

Of grave consequence is the undermining of a foundational Constitutional principle. While our first amendment rights give us the right to free exercise of religion, those religious beliefs are still bound by the laws of the land! For example, religions that call for animal sacrifice or encourage sex with minors are not permitted to act out such rituals. While some Mormons may believe in polygamy, they are not allowed to practice it. People of faith can use their constitutional freedoms to try to change laws they may find objectionable due to conflicts with their faith, however no one is excused from obeying the law as it stands. Citizens, as well as visitors in America, are required to obey all U.S. laws, regardless of any conflict with their individual beliefs or form of worship.

We need to understand what Sharia law is and why its agenda is so dangerous to Americans. The term Sharia refers to the application of Islamic law. In the Islamic states, it governs both the

public and private lives of those living under its laws, such as politics, economics, banking, business law, and social issues.



It is a complete and totalitarian way of life that is one sided and fueled by hate and death to those that do not follow the laws and ways of Islam.

There are numerous instances in which Sharia law runs contrary to the laws and traditions of this nation. Family law matters is a prime example, where under Sharia law, fathers receive sole and automatic custody in parental disputes over their own children, regardless of circumstances, when children reach seven years of age. This is exactly how *Hosain v. Malik* was decided in 1996 when an American court in Maryland awarded full custody of a daughter to her father, enforcing a court order from Pakistan, an Islamic country that follows Sharia law. Although the mother in the custody battle was never deemed unfit and the laughter was actually afraid of her father, an alleged substance abuser and batterer, the U.S. court enforced Sharia requirements, whereas American law would require the best interest of the child to be the key factor. Moreover, simple due process was denied the child whose attorney was not present at the custody decision to advocate for the child, and no input was sought from the daughter as is standard in U.S. custody cases.

In *Hosain v. Malik* case, the husband's attorney twisted the "best interest of the child" requirement and argued that in Pakistani culture, the well-being of the child is facilitated by

—Hold on, my friends  
 to the Constitution  
 and to the Republic  
 for which it stands.

Miracles do not  
 cluster, and what has  
 happened once in  
 6000 years, may not  
 happen again. Hold  
 on to the  
 Constitution, for if  
 the American  
 Constitution should  
 fail, there will be  
 anarchy throughout  
 the world.!

— Daniel Webster

adherence to Islamic teaching, which mandates custody to the father. In this case, the child was sent back to Pakistan with the father, violating the child's human rights to enjoy a relationship with her mother and violating the mother's rights as a woman. Further, the father accused his ex-wife of adultery, which meant that if she returned to Pakistan she could face imprisonment, lashing, or even death by stoning under Sharia law.

Sharia law also authorized so-called "honor" killings. For any family member who leaves Islam, becomes an apostate and converts to another religion, the Qur'an specifically calls for that family member to be killed. The most recent case was of a young girl named Rifqa Bary from Columbus, Ohio who left her home after she became a Christian because her Muslim father threatened to kill her. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated case when a Muslim converts to Christianity. In another case, in October 2009, a Muslim father, ran over and killed his daughter, 20 year old Noor Almaleki, because she was becoming too westernized. He also ran over the mother of Noor's boyfriend. Fortunately, Sharia law was not followed in this case, but it certainly was the cause of the murders. Any form of westernization, such as using a cell phone, wearing modern fashions or dating a boy is yet another cause for Sharia to be enforced according to their law.

Sharia law also allows Muslim men to beat their wives for rejecting sexual advances; it becomes obvious that American values are in direct conflict with what Islamic law requires of its followers. This conflict was seen in a court case where Judge Joseph Charles of the New Jersey family court denied a restraining order to a Muslim woman whose husband had serially raped and beat her, because the judge determined that the Muslim man was acting under his beliefs (Sharia law) and not with criminal intent. Fortunately, this 2009 decision was overruled by an appellate court.


Sharia Law has already been considered in 17 court cases in 11 states. It is creeping into our society

just as it has in many European countries, a trend that runs contrary to our own Constitution. The Constitution of the United States in Article VI declares itself *—the supreme law of the land.* No foreign laws can supersede our own Constitution and laws, nor can they be considered in the resolutions of courts **at any level** in America.

Not only has Sharia attacked our laws and courtrooms in the United States, it has also attacked our freedom of speech. On Friday, November 11, 2011 the Preserving Freedom Conference - Stop Sharia in America, was supposed to be held at the Hutton Hotel in Nashville. Steve Eckley, Senior Vice-President of Hutton Hotel, told conference organizers on the Monday before the conference that he had been getting threatening letters and calls, and that consequently the hotel would not honor its contract for the conference. Eckley said that if conference organizers and attendees showed up at the hotel, they would not be let in. As a result of this intimidation, the Conference has moved. The Hutton Hotel refuses to honor its contract because they want to be **"sensitive"** to Islamists who had **intimidated** them into suppressing the free speech rights of the conference attendees. This is not the first time this kind of suppression of free speech has occurred. A hotel in Sugar Land, TX cancelling an event where Pamela Geller of Atlas Shrugs, and AFDI/SIOA (American Freedom Defense Initiative /Stop Islamization of America ) was to be the keynote speaker. Ms. Geller noted that Hyatt Hotel caved in to intimidation and cancelled the event.

Sharia law is utterly inconsistent with American values, as it enslaves those under it and encourages or commands acts of violence. Sharia demands the death of those who renounce Islam. Honor killings, marital rape, female genital mutilation, and severing of hands and feet are but a few of the other

components of Sharia law. How can a law that clearly promotes death to all who do not follow its religion be allowed to be used in place of our own Constitution?



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FREEDOMS

It is evident the goal of those promoting Sharia law is to destroy American laws from within. It is eerily similar to the Trojan Horse strategy of the Trojans used by the Greeks to sneak in their soldiers into an otherwise impenetrable fortress of their enemy in the City of Troy. We must not allow our nation to fall to the deceit of Sharia law. We can no longer sit by and watch — we must stand up and fight for our Constitution and the laws of our land.

We the people elect state senator, congressmen, and the President of the United States in the hope that they will uphold the laws to their fullest intent. We have to stay focused on what our leaders are doing to this nation.

Our Founding Fathers founded this nation on Christian principles and values and wrote documents (like the Constitution) which became law, and our judges have taken an oath to uphold the standards set forth by those laws. Islam must never be allowed to impose its Sharia system of "justice" anywhere in the United States. No Sharia courts should be permitted outside of the Islamic world. It is our hope that America will wake up as to what is really going on in our country. Our laws are under attack from within and our leaders cannot continue to ignore the tactics being used. Let us pray that this nation does not succumb to fear. Stand up for what is right and Godly. Our constitutional freedoms depend upon it.

*—No man is above the law and no man is below it; nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it.*

**President Theodore Roosevelt**