

Comments on Muslim Recognition Day Proclamation 2014

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One of the clauses in the 2014 Muslim Recognition Day Proclamation stated:

Each Muslim-American who adheres to the teachings of Islam and is living in American society will exhibit acts of compassion and charity in the name of the beneficent, the merciful...

The adjectives *beneficent* and *merciful* are names of Allah, so this proclamation states that Muslim-Americans will act in the name of Allah. Muslims believe that the Koran consists of the unchangeable, perfect, and timeless words of Allah, so here are some things that Allah commands of Muslims:

1. Allah specifically commands Muslims not to be friends with Jews and Christians:

O you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians as Auliya' (friends, protectors, helpers), they are but Auliya' of each other. And if any amongst you takes them as Auliya', then surely, he is one of them. Verily, Allah guides not those people who are the Zalimun (polytheists and wrongdoers and unjust).

Chapter 5, Verse 51

2. Muslim scholars refer to the following as the *Verse of the Sword*; *Mushrikun* are in essence any non-Muslim and can only save themselves by converting to Islam:

Then when the Sacred Months (the 1st, 7th, 11th, and 12th months of the Islamic calendar) have passed, then kill the Mushrikun wherever you find them, and capture them and besiege them, and lie in wait for them in every ambush. But if they repent [by rejecting Shirk (polytheism) and accept Islamic Monotheism] and perform As-Salat (the prayers), and give Zakat (obligatory charity), then leave their way free. Verily, Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Chapter 9, Verse 5

3. Muslims are commanded to fight against Jews and Christians until the Jews and Christians pay the *Jizyah* (tax imposed by Islam on all non-Muslims living under the protection of an Islamic government):

Fight against those who believe not in Allah, nor in the Last Day, nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad), and those who acknowledge not the religion of truth (i.e. Islam) among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), until they pay the Jizyah with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued.

Chapter 9, Verse 29

4. Allah states that Jews and Christians are among *the worst of creatures*:

Verily, those who disbelieve (in the religion of Islam, the Qu'ran and Prophet Muhammad) from among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) and Al-Mushrikun, will abide in the fire of Hell. They are the worst of creatures.

Chapter 98, Verse 6

These verses are quoted directly from *The Noble Qur'an*, published by Darussalam Publishers in Saudi Arabia. Although there might be some Muslims who do not at the moment adhere to these particular verses, these verses are still valid Islamic doctrine.

With this in mind, the 2014 Muslim Recognition Day Proclamation began by stating,

Iowans of Muslim faith embrace the noble spirit of the Hawkeye State and strive to promote the moral and spiritual aspirations that represent the American character...

How does one reconcile the above commands of Allah found in the Koran with *the noble spirit of the Hawkeye State and the moral and spiritual aspirations that represent the American character*? It cannot be done.