

Women and Sharia Law

She is clothed with strength and dignity. --Proverbs 31:25

Many years ago a missionary to South America told me that in countries where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, the status of women is elevated. Christ regarded women as equal because, like men, they are created in God's image.

Under our constitutional republic in the United States, government, military, and religion are separate entities. However, under Islam the three are unified. "In Islamist ideology, sharia is deemed to be the necessary precondition for Islamicizing a society—for Islam is not merely a religious doctrine, but a comprehensive socio-economic and political system."¹

Islam teaches that sharia law holds supremacy over secular laws. It is a comprehensive system governing all of life and replaces all other forms of government. Submission to a law other than sharia is considered rebellion against Allah. Sharia law permits executions for apostasy and blasphemy.²

According to sharia law women are deficient in mind and religion and exist only for the sake of man; they are like merchandise. Sharia is anti-equality. Women are not equal to men in testimony—two women equal one man. Women are subdued and cannot object to their own treatment. Men may strike women who are disobedient. Punishments may include flogging and stoning. According to Hadith Sahih, a Muslim

man's prayer is annulled if a dog, a donkey, or a woman crosses his path. Women are not allowed to work outside the home, attend school, or drive.

A woman is not allowed to leave her house unless accompanied by a male relative. Arranged marriage is the norm with the marriage of girls even as young as nine.

Polygamy is legal. A Muslim man (not the woman) may divorce his spouse, and only he holds child custody.

A husband may beat his wife or daughter—even "honor killings" are permitted. In Arizona a young woman was run over with a car by her Muslim father because he said she was becoming "too westernized."

As Christians, we know that God loves the Muslim people and that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem them. The Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (II Peter 3:9)

We praise God that He is reaching the Muslim people through dreams, visions, and miracles and they are coming to faith in Christ. God works in miraculous ways to make Himself known.

—Linda Schauer, State Director

¹ Andrew C. McCarthy, "It's about Sharia: Newt Gingrich Resets Our National Security Debate," National Review Online, July 10, 2010, <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/243580/its-about-sharia-andrew-c-mccarthy>, accessed September 26, 2011.

² <http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=38347>.



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Is America Succumbing to Dhimmi Status?

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. --Philippians 2:10-11

So what is dhimmi status? To understand dhimmi, we must go back to 628 A.D. when Mohammed imposed a jizyah (tolerance) tax on his non-Muslim neighboring nations. The consequence for non-compliance was a loss of protection. Non-Muslims were forced to succumb to dhimmi, or second class citizenship. Muslims conquered lands and built mosques on Judeo-Christian landmarks such as the Dome on the Rock in Jerusalem and the Parthenon in Athens. Dhimmitude among non-Muslims in Islamic nations remains today, embedded in their culture.

When approached by a Muslim, dhimmi requires a non-Muslim to step aside and say nothing insulting about Islam. Consequently, a Muslim must be present at a non-Muslim Bible study or other religious gathering to assure that nothing offensive is spoken or implied. Under dhimmi, one cannot evangelize or dissuade anyone, even your child, from converting to Islam.

Dhimmi is similar to the Jim Crow laws imposed on freed slaves following the Civil War. Blacks were treated as second-class citizens and compelled to use separate facilities. Segregation of public schools, public places and public transportation was the custom.

In May, Franklin Graham was invited to speak at the Pentagon for the National Day of Prayer. The Obama administration, submitting to dhimmitude, rescinded the invitation, claiming that Graham had said something Muslims considered offensive. Through his Samaritan Purse ministry, Mr. Graham witnesses the treatment of non-Muslims in third world countries and has exposed the truth about Islamic treatment of non-Muslims.

President Obama bowing to the king of Saudi Arabia in 2009 was highly criticized as an affront to America's exceptionalism. To Muslims, the donning of the Muslim veil by Laura Bush and Hillary Clinton in an act of solidarity with women was regarded as dhimmitude. To Muslim nations, U.S. foreign policies of appeasement and goodwill are viewed as submission to Islam. Moreover, Islam's ambition is to eliminate and destroy Western civilization from within.

Wall Street is becoming enmeshed in sharia. "Sharia-compliant finance (SCF) is expanding among banks and securities houses eager to absorb the hundreds of billions of petrodollars.... Selling sharia-compliant investments legitimizes a bar-

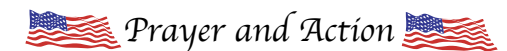
baric theocratic orthodoxy that should be defeated, not promoted." See <http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=25850>. Regarding real estate, some Muslims refrain from assimilating into the general population, preferring their own neighborhood and refusing to sell homes to non-Muslims. These Muslims are having more children than American families.

Muslims consider it a mark of conquest to build a community center and mosque on Ground Zero in Manhattan. Their goal is to dominate the world. Currently in Sioux Falls there are three mosques, with ground breaking for a fourth \$700,000 mega-mosque, but further progress has been halted. Interestingly, all are situated near elementary schools. According to the Islamic Center of Sioux Falls' website (which has now been removed), an imam was being sought for the new mosque.

Dr. David Jeremiah in *What in the World is Going On?* writes, "We can easily see and resist the effects of jihad in militant terrorism, but we have trouble seeing and resisting the more subtle strategy that the Muslims call fatah. Fatah is infiltration, moving into a country in numbers large enough to affect the culture. It means taking advantage of tolerant laws and accommodative policies to insert the influence of Islam."

--Source: "Islamic Conquest Past & Present," by William Federer, 2010.

—Linda Schauer, State Director



- Be vigilant of Muslim activities in your local area. Educate yourself and others about Islam's culture and intentions.
- Urge elected officials to support protection of American laws. Join CWA in support of Rep. Sandy Adams' (R-Florida) H.R. 973 to prevent misuse of foreign law in Federal Courts.
- Do not submit to Muslim requests or sacrifice our liberties and rule of law to "tolerance" and "political correctness."
- Pray that Muslims continue to convert to faith in Christ through dreams, visions, satellite radio, TV and the bold, courageous testimony of Christians in Islamic nations. *Jesus answered, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. --John 14:6*



Check out CWA's Web sites for information and updates on family issues. <http://sd.cwfa.org> and www.concernedwomen.org

State Supreme Court Rules in School Funding Case

"Under God the People Rule." - SD State Motto - adopted 1885, suggested by Joseph Ward:
founder first South Dakota high school & Yankton College

On August 31 the South Dakota Supreme Court handed down their decision in *Davis et al. v. SSD Dept. of Ed., et al.*, widely known as the "school funding lawsuit." A number of public schools formed a coalition and a group of parents presented their interest in seeking to **overturn the constitutionality of Article VIII** of our SD Constitution, which states in part:

"The stability of a republican form of government depending on the morality and intelligence of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature to establish and maintain a general and uniform system of public schools.... The Legislature shall make such provision by general taxation and by authorizing...such additional taxes as...shall secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state."

The decision began with retiring Justice Meierhenry's comments that in **1908 General W. H. H. Beadle** was a "distinguished leader" and Dakota Territorial Superintendent of Public Instruction, and that his "convictions are embedded in the language of South Dakota's Constitution." Beadle stated, "The great, final, single, comprehensive **aim of education...is the equipment of men for moral leadership.**"

Some highlights of the decision:

- Plaintiffs questioned funding formula's "inflation provision," but Court found Legislature had "increased PSA [per student allocation] by more than the formula's required inflation rate in four of the years preceding trial."
- Court stated that even if flaws and inadequacies exist in PSA formula, plaintiffs were unable to show "correlation between funding levels and a constitutionally adequate education."
- Six school districts were "focus" districts, and each presented testimony.
- Court found evidence some districts were not fully or appropriately utilizing available funding sources.
- Court found some districts had more facilities than necessary, e.g., one district was maintaining a "community wellness center at district expense."
- Court disputed attempt to have "focus" districts represent state school districts overall.
- Court argued districts "have provided adequate and in some



Linda Schauer and Cindy Flakoll with Rep. Kristi Noem in her Washington D.C. office.

cases, exemplary, facilities and resources...."

- Court highlighted evidence that ALL 161 school districts were able to meet state accreditation.
- Sixteen "focus" districts were analyzed for correlation between funding and outcome.
- District with lowest expenditure per pupil (\$5,353) showed highest proficiency test results, with 42% of students considered low income.
- District with highest expenditure per pupil (\$12,889) showed lowest proficiency test results, with 100% of students considered low income.
- "The State's experts generally downplayed a results-funding correlation." One expert concluded achievement is "influenced heavily by students' family background characteristics...." Another noted national education spending tripled between 1970 and 2000 while student performance remained constant: "...no other state has been able to eliminate the [performance] gap, including those spending nearly twice the average... South Dakota spends."

In essence, the **SD Supreme Court decided that Article VIII is constitutional.** Attorney General Jackley later stated that "school funding needs to go back to the legislature." (<http://www.keloland.com/news/NewsDetail6374.cfm?Id=120749>) Read the case in its entirety at <http://www.sdjudicial.com/Uploads/opinions/25330.pdf>.

CWA's Legal Counsel, Mario Diaz, commented "Article VIII of South Dakota's Constitution looks to be soundly rooted on the ideas of our Founders, who believed 'our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.'"

Concerned Women for America supports **reform of public education by returning authority to parents.** That is why CWA of South Dakota continues to monitor—and take action when necessary—on legislation and events that affect children over whom God has endowed that parental authority.

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.

--Ronald Reagan



Informed Consent Law Update

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made... --Psalm 139:14

HB1166, an informed consent law passed in our 2005 State Legislature, continues to be bounced back and forth in the courts. HB1166 requires abortionists to inform the woman seeking an abortion that:

- the abortion will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living human being.
- the mother has an existing relationship with her unborn child and that the relationship enjoys protection under the U.S. Constitution and under the laws of South Dakota, and that the abortion will terminate that relationship.
- an abortion places the woman at an increased risk of suicide ideation and suicide.

Soon after HB1166 was made law, Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota initiated a lawsuit to place an injunction against it claiming doctors' First Amendment rights were infringed. *Planned Parenthood v. Rounds* commenced its first hearing with U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier, who declared the law unconstitutional. The case was then appealed to the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals where, in 2005 and 2006, Attorney General Long defended HB1166, stating that the law's requirement is medically accurate and does not inhibit the abortionist's speech. However, a 3-judge panel re-affirmed Judge Schreier's decision.

In an unexpected turn of events (or divine intervention), the 8th Circuit reconsidered its decision and allowed the case to be heard by the full 11-judge court. The ensuing 7-4 decision resulted in the court lifting the injunction against enforcement of the law in mid-2008.

According to an August 21, 2009, *Argus Leader* article, "When the 8th Circuit lifted the injunction in July 2008, the clinic's doctors began providing patients with their own version of those disclosures. Health officials said those disclosures must match the

language of the law, and the controversy returned to court, where both sides asked Schreier for a final ruling." That ruling came when Judge Schreier ruled that abortionists must inform women that abortion "will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living human being," as prescribed in HB1166.

A Notice of Appeal was filed in September, 2009, to bring full justice for the unborn by reconsidering the other two requirements of HB1166 that had been struck down. That decision was rendered in September when a 3-judge panel of the 8th Circuit ruled that the provisions regarding the mother's existing relationship with her unborn child and her constitutional rights are indeed constitutional.

However, the court denied the requirement concerning suicidal risks, stating that the law failed to fully define "relative risks." Judge Raymond W. Gruender voted in favor of the law but wrote in a dissent regarding the "suicide" provision: "even the evidence relied upon by Planned Parenthood acknowledges a significant, known statistical correlation between abortion and suicide. This well-documented statistical correlation is sufficient to support the required disclosure that abortion presents an 'increased risk' of suicide, as that term is used in the relevant medical literature."

In a September 2 press release Attorney General Jackley said, "Today's decision supports the Legislature's goal of encouraging women seeking an abortion to make informed and voluntary decisions."

Just when it appeared that both sides were not going to pursue a challenge to the "suicide" provision, the state of South Dakota filed a petition requesting a rehearing with the full 11-member 8th Circuit Court. Constitutional approval of the "suicide" stipulation would give the Department of Health enforcement authority.

Stay tuned.

The Latest from the World of the Unthinkable

I will deal with them according to their conduct, and by their own standards I will judge them. --Ezekiel 7:27

In a September article at AmericanThinker.com entitled, "Social Issues Are Not Going Away in 2012," Dr. Janice Shaw Crouse, Director and Senior Fellow of the Beverly LaHaye Institute, unveiled five signs that social/moral issues continue to be "influential in terms of political victories." Social conservative issues are the hot-button issues in today's political debates.

Enter the latest, most shocking assault on family values: "Minor-attracted" men seek to legitimize pedophilia! Can't be true, you say? Brenda Zurita, Dr. Crouse's research fellow, shows in her study, "Who in Their Right Mind Would Normalize Pedophilia?" that the American Psychological Association (APA) appears to be fast-tracking just such a revised classification by giving it the label "paraphilia." One of the qualifiers for such a syndrome is recurrent, intense, arousing urges or "behaviors involving children or other non-consenting persons that occur over a period of at least 6 months."

The APA is moving toward classifying these aberrant behaviors as "sexual orientations," not as behavioral choices made by an individual. Most Christians are able to agree that sin is involved in the case of sexual deviancy. The Bible is clear about that and is "completely adequate for use in all those situations and in every country and for all time"-- a quote taken from APA's own classification manual prior to 1980! With the "evolution" of APA re-classification of deviant behaviors to make them appear "normal," our country moves ever closer and closer to a Sodom and Gomorrah

existence.

Here in South Dakota, several pieces of legislation have been attempted to change long-standing anti-discrimination statutes to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity." At the risk of this type of legislation gaining momentum and support year after year, all Christians must educate themselves on these issues and remain vigilant to any proposed changes at the local level as well. CWA is a great resource to assist with information and a plan for prayer and action. *Let justice roll on like a river and righteousness like a never-failing stream! --Amos 5:24*

Encourage-A-Legislator Campaign

... prayers, intercession ... for kings and those in authority. -- 1 Timothy 2:1

In 2012 CWA of South Dakota will begin our 13th year of prayer for our 105 state legislators. You are invited to participate in our Encourage-A-Legislator Campaign by committing to adopt a legislator and praying for him/her daily during the 35-day session. Each week you will send your legislator a CWA-provided postcard. Note your prayers for him/her, then stamp and mail the card. Please become one of 105 faithful prayer warriors by indicating your commitment on the enclosed response envelope, or call Linda at 605-439-3630. Early in January, CWA of South Dakota will assign your legislator and supply you with CWA postcards and simple instructions.