

ACLU Attacks Christian Prayer, But Fights for Muslims

The ANC [American News Commentary] reported in its [Sept. 21 issue](#) that the ACLU is defending the right of Muslims to exercise prayer in public schools in San Diego. ... Really?

Is that a change of heart or the expression of a cowardly and terrified heart? It is most likely the latter. Let me explain.

Over the last 40 years or so, the ACLU has terrified many school boards, school administrators and school children by threatening to drag them into court if they pray in public.

A few years ago, they terrified many coaches and sporting event coordinators by warning them that if they dare pray in public, the ACLU would bring about the full weight of their false interpretation of the Establishment Clause.

For many years, they have sent their emissaries across the land, "Gestapo-like," checking out every small city council, lest they open their meeting with prayer.

But now they are coming out of their closets and are supporting Muslim students praying in public schools.

If you think this defies every aspect of human logic, you would be right.

Fear is a powerful factor. Fear devastates logical thinking. Fear decimates consistency, and their support for Islamic prayer in public schools in San Diego is a clear indication of that fear. They know all too well what will happen to them if they exercise their clever maneuvers on Muslims. They will not see the love and forgiveness they have received from Christians. Rather, they will see the end of the sword.

Surprise, surprise when Kevin Keenan, the spokesperson for the ACLU in San Diego, explained his enthusiastic support for Muslims praying in public schools. He said, "Performing these prayers is widely recognized as one of the five essential pillars of Islam." Really?

Have they not heard, do they not know that Christians and Jews are also exhorted to pray?

Have they not heard, do they not know that for Christians, prayer is a lifeline to their Savior, the God of the universe?

Have they not heard, do they not know that the prophet Daniel was thrown into the den of lions because he would not stop praying to the God of Heaven?

Have they not heard, do they not know that for Christians prayer is the foremost expression of their desire to commit themselves, their schools, their sporting events and their public meetings to the Lord God Almighty?

Can one hope that appealing to the ACLU to be fair and just and not single out Christians, who are loving and forgiving, will make a difference? Meanwhile, they cower when it comes to Muslims, who may talk with the sword.

Can one appeal to them to see the light before it is too late for them as "infidels"—the first in line to face the sword under the Shariah?

Can one appeal to them to exercise even the most basic of human logic, let alone review history and truth?

One can hope.

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