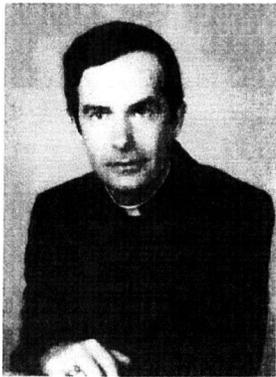


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The old geographical divisions of the past, north vs south and east vs west, were mere manifestations of those philosophical and spiritual divisions that continue to run like fissures across the landscape of America. As a nation struggling with those who are either seeking to preserve or redefine

come such an amalgamation of diversity that geography no longer matters. This is due in part to our becoming a more mobile population; careers and employment often are the reasons for changes of residence that disrupt established communities. And, technology has revolutionized communication, intensifying the flow and effects of competing ideas. But, a more critical reason is the replacement of the National Origins Act of 1924 with the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965. The previous law established quotas in proportion to America's existing demographics, preserving the cultural cohesion necessary for national unity and preventing divisive and radical transformations. Over the past half century, the new law generated an influx of low-skilled immigrants who have increased the burden on government services and taxpayers, fomented conflicting values through resistance to assimilation, and eroded the traditional ethnic majority of Caucasian Christians who defined America for over a third of a millennium.

In his *Summa Theologica*, the 13th century scholar Thomas Aquinas made some valuable observations regarding the immigration policies of ancient Israel. One uniform standard was not applied to various foreigners. Historic relations, cultural compatibility, and ability to assimilate were vital considerations. Immigrants were classified in four categories. There were visitors (like having a visa) and resident aliens without citizenship (like having a green card). Those seeking citizenship were not fully admitted at once. They were given the time necessary to learn the new culture and assimilate before being granted a voice in national affairs. Finally, there were those known by their own actions to be so hostile that they were permanently barred. Doing what is in the best interests of one's

prejudicial, discriminatory, or xenophobic. As a nation of people, a wise immigration policy is the exercise of the basic rational instinct of self-preservation that is common to all rational members of humanity as well as the animal kingdom.

Those who call themselves Christians and do not practice Christ's teaching give a false image of Christianity as just another ineffective philosophy of life. Those who live Christianity as a way of life demonstrate what it means to be "...transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Rom. 12:2) So, what is the will of God? "The Lord is...not willing that we should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (II Pet. 3:9) Since it is God's will that we choose to repent, why should we change our way of life to follow Christ's teaching? Christ answers, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (Jn. 10:10)

Those who call themselves Moslems and do not practice Mohammed's teaching give a false image of Islam as a religion of peace. Those who faithfully practice the teaching of Mohammed and Islam demonstrate that Islam means submission, not peace. Throughout Islam's history, its followers have and still do confirm its bloody reputation as living by the sword. Suicidal terrorists repeatedly seek to kill non-Moslems they call infidels.

Christ warns that "...all who take the sword will perish by the sword." (Matt. 26:52) Thus, doing the will of Allah (Satan) leads to death, not life, both temporally and eternally. This is what the Koran teaches:

"Believers, take neither Jews nor Christians for your friends." (3:28), 118; 5:51, 55, 57; 60:1, 13)

"The unbelievers are your sworn enemies." (4:101)

"Seek out your enemies relentlessly." (4:104)

"Believers, make war on the infidels who dwell around you." (9:29, 73, 123; 66:9)

"...(C)ast terror into the hearts of the infidels. Strike off their heads, maim them in every limb!" (8:12)

"Kill them wherever you find them." (2:193)

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