

Not Islamic but Islamist

“Let us be quite clear: this appalling, brutal and cowardly scene now being played out in Nairobi is not done in the name of a religion—not in the name of Islam—but in the name of terrorism.” That’s what David Cameron said on Sunday afternoon [22 September 2013], so solemnly. He generally speaks solemnly, except when he’s speaking fatuously and, being a man of such virtuosic oratorical gifts, he is when the occasion demands it, able to be both solemn and fatuous at the same time. As indeed he was on Sunday afternoon.

Fifty-nine gunned down in Nairobi—and counting. Seventy-five Christians in church in Peshawar, and that’s not the final score either. Every day non-Muslims—Christians in particular—slaughtered by these Islamic barbarians. And yet, though all the perpetrators are Muslims, these atrocities have nothing to do with Islam. Not even, presumably, when a bearded monster with an AK 47 points it at your head and asks you to recite a Muslim prayer; and if you can’t you’re dead.

Corrupted by sentimentality and politically-correct fantasies about so called Islamophobia, governments have looked squarely at the reality of the terrorist threat—but then looked away. The word Islamophobia is a nonsense anyhow. A phobia is an irrational fear. Is it irrational to be afraid of terrorist attacks performed in the name of Islam? Or, as a nation, are we so far descended into euphemism and evasions that we are going to die of our political correctness while our fatuous archbishops and bishops operate a useless everlasting talking shop with “moderate Muslims”?

It is ten years since Professor Marcello Pera, a philosopher and former President of the Italian Senate warned:

Is there a war? I answer, yes there is a war and I believe the responsible thing is to recognise it and to say so, regardless of whether the politically-correct thing to do is to keep our mouths shut.

In Afghanistan, Kashmir, Chechnya, Dagestan, Ossetia, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, Bosnia, Kosovo, the Palestinian Territories, Egypt, Morocco and much of the Islamic and Arab world, large groups of fundamentalists, radicals, extremists—the Taliban, Al Qaeda, Hezbollah, Hamas, the Muslim Brothers, Islamic Jihad, the Islamic Armed Group and many more—have declared a holy war on the West. This is not my imagination. It is a message they have proclaimed, written, preached, communicated and circulated in black and white. Why should I not take note of it?

Unfortunately, the British have got form when it comes to evasiveness and appeasing our enemies. Throughout the 1930s it was thought morally upright to appease Hitler. A pity then that Cameron is only the heir to Blair and not the heir to Churchill.

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The Press Association version of what Mr Cameron said: “These appalling terrorist attacks that take place, where the perpetrators claim they do it in the name of a religion—they don’t. They do it in the name of terror, violence and extremism and their warped view of the world.” Type into Google “Not in the name of Islam” and many sites appear, beginning with *The Spectator*, where under the heading *not in the name of Islam* a number of Muslims declare that terrorism is not sponsored by their religion. Let us hope that they are right. But to deny that terrorist murders *are* committed in the name of Islam is surely more obviously and immediately untrue than what is called “holocaust denial”. We have noticed several times that Mr Cameron can be stupid.—*Ed.*