

DO YOU HAVE A PHOBIA?

It is becoming common to hear political sources charging rivals with various phobias. If you are concerned with the moral direction our country is taking, with the glorifying of sins such as homosexuality you are labeled as a “deplorable” “homophobic.” If ISIS troubles you, and you feel the immigration into our country of tens of thousands of Muslims may cause a cultural crisis, and even the importation of jihadists who are intent on executing unbelievers, then you must have Islamaphobia. After all, both major political parties have told us that Islam is a “religion of peace.”

A phobia is usually seen as an irrational or exaggerated fear or intolerance. We certainly do not wish to think irrationally, or to be intolerant toward any who simply differ with us. We would be unprincipled, however, if we blinded ourselves to reality. Sexual sins, as defined by Scripture, are what God would define as “deplorable”—not those who oppose such. Is it being homophobic for us to fear the consequences our children and grandchildren are going to have to endure when our state (Illinois) has mandated for public schools to teach LGBT history in grades K-12, in effect, normalizing sexual perversion in the minds of our nation’s youth? And is it being phobic to ignore the fact that jihadists are those in Islam who take literally Mohammed’s command to “slay the idolaters (which, to Muslims, includes any who worship any god other than Allah) wherever you find them, and lie in ambush everywhere for them...” (Koran 9:5). Is it phobic, deplorable, intolerant and hateful for us to warn that God hates “hands that shed innocent blood” (Proverbs 6:17)? Is it being phobic when we fear the outcome of those who value Muslim shariah-law above the U.S. Constitution being placed into positions of government where they can influence the making of laws for the nation’s citizens?

There is a fear—call it phobic if you wish, but it is neither irrational nor exaggerated—that we all should reverently have: *“Fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell”* (Matthew 10:28) --Ron