

THE FIRST HALF OF THE 21ST CENTURY: AN ISLAMIC CHALLENGE

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Humankind faces two fundamental problems today - its excessive numerical growth and the deterioration of the environment, and the former problem aggravates the latter.

Opposite Poles

Humankind entered the 21st century with unprecedented developments in science, technology, IT, telecommunications, medicine and gene engineering. The pace, intensity, stress and, at the same time, duration of human life, our opportunities to travel and to get information about events happening all over the world have greatly increased. Beginning in the 1950s, on the initiative of such global actors as the United States, the USSR (Russia), the UK, France, China, Germany, Italy, Japan etc., very important international acts governing the legal status of a human/citizen and the mechanism of international relations in the field of business, politics, science and information technology have been drafted and approved. The modern civilization has achieved such a level of economic, political and cultural interaction that its evolution now continues in the framework of a united "planetary society" [1. P. 452-453].

In its turn, the international financial and banking system has unified the world and made it more capacious and convenient for the planetary human, or the citizen of the world. Dozens of millions of people have double or multiple citizenship. Still more people enjoy the right of temporary or permanent residence in various countries, primarily successful democracies.

Despite that, inequality does not decrease but, on the contrary, increases day by day in the world, especially in economic terms. Un-

precedented economic and political globalization involving a great number of countries resembles the processes which occurred before WWII. There also exists the counter-process of global disintegration driven by the religion factor which has, in a totally furtive manner, regained a most important role in interpersonal and intergovernmental relations due to the aggressive growth of Islam and its hostile and irreconcilable position towards other civilizations, especially the Judeo-Christian civilization [2. P. 3].

Unfortunately, the Christian civilization, while creating the great contemporary civilization, discovering new worlds and continents, conquering outer space, and harnessing nuclear and thermonuclear energy, is shrinking like fertile lands and leaving various parts of the world. At the same time, Islam pushes the world back into the Middle Ages with its way of life, the Muslims' way of thinking, their obscurity and lack of skills in every aspect. Now Islam is attacking not only the south of Europe, but also its distant frontiers - Northern Europe, Germany, Norway and Sweden.

The sovereign global players compete with each other across all aspects of human activities, leaving negligently small room to any independent countries.

The countries belonging to the so called "golden billion" are especially successful. The United States, Canada, Western European

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countries, Japan and Australia provide broad democratic rights and freedoms and high living standards for their citizens; the per capita GDP reaches \$50,000 to \$60,000 in some of those countries. Their citizens enjoy a clean environment, high-quality education and state-of-the-art medical care, as well as broad opportunities for creative activities and personal development. While accounting for about one sixth of the world's population, they possess more than 70% of the global wealth. The gap between those countries and the poorest countries of the world, most of them being Islamic ones, in terms of per capita income is still wider. This gap is sometimes equal to 100 to 1 [See: 1]. At the same time, the "golden billion" countries (except for the USA) undergo a deep demographic crisis, their population steadily shrinking and ageing. The rather high birth rate in the USA is due to the high demographic activity of its Latin and Afro-American population, as well as immigrants from various Asian, primarily Muslim, countries, such as Pakistan, Bangladesh etc.

The human dimension, the index and potential of human intellectual development are now the main criteria of national success. Population numbers still mean a lot, of course, but it is the quality and level of human resources that would bring a given country to the top of the global political and economic ratings. One could cite the example of the tiny Israel which successfully withstands the massive hostile environment of Muslim countries due to its outstanding successes in all fields of human activities in addition to the favorable neutrality of the leading players of global policy seeking to maintain parity in the Middle East (1) [2. P. 4].

In this regard, one may recall the example of Germany and Japan which had lost WWII but, within a very short period from 1950 to 1955, managed to overtake the USSR, the main winner of that war, in all political and economic aspects, including public well-being and democratic rights and freedoms. During that period, however, the USSR managed to develop nuclear weapons with the assistance of its Western followers supporting communist ideology (2).

Both in the second half of 20th century and in the early 21st century, nuclear weapons have remained to be a decisive means of restraint. Due to this factor, the USA and Russia, whose economic potentials are far from being equal, but which maintain parity in these weapons, seek to solve politically all acute international problems since they understand the possible

tragic consequences of a nuclear war (3). However, such parity cannot continue indefinitely. The eventual winner will be the country that will be able to reach a new level of technological development and to avoid domestic deterioration and destructive processes to which, unfortunately, Russia is more susceptible.

In terms of economic development, democratic freedoms, legal institutions and per capita GDP, China, Russia, Brazil, Argentina, and a number of Eastern European countries (such as Poland and the Czech Republic) lag considerably behind the leading "golden billion" countries (4). It is the latter countries that attract the best minds and the most qualified specialists, promising young scientists and artists from Russia, India, China and Eastern Europe, that largely contributes to the strengthening of their leading positions in the global community. Over time, if this process continues, the gap separating Russia and other countries from the leaders may acquire a long-standing if not irreversible nature. As yet, the imbalance between the developed countries and the developing ones continues to grow, because the training of skilled specialists is an exceptionally complex and expensive process which requires, first of all, the formation of schools of sciences and the existence of a strong economic basis for incremental investments in the development of scientific traditions, public demand and motivation for research activities – a process that may take decades.

Islam Remains Outside the Contemporary Civilization¹

The opposite pole in terms of development is represented by the Islamic world and Africa, especially the Muslim part of Africa. They are so behind the rapidly developing advanced countries (and the gap grows day after day), that it is unrealistic for them to reach the level of the West and other civilizations (Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism, Shintoism etc.) even in a very distant future. Of course, given today's unlimited opportunities for information exchange, tens of millions of Muslims, especially the youth, realize the hopelessness of their miserable and rightless situation. For a large portion of population, emigration is the only way to avoid eternal backwardness and poverty.

However, the mere fact of poverty and rightlessness would be a biased or even primitive explanation for today's unprecedented emigration of Muslims to Europe and other countries. This phenomenon is assisted by a

¹ See also: [6. P. 111]

number of very important factors, one of which is the failed attempt by the USA and its Western European allies to "liberalize" by force a number of archaic government systems of the Islamic world in such countries as Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria. But it is beyond doubt that the key factors resulting in tectonic movements of multimillion masses from the Islamic south towards the Christian north, the rich, diverse, loose, tolerant and friendly Europe, are different. The Islamic world and its current central actors – Turkey, Saudi Arabia, the oil-producing countries of the Persian Gulf, Pakistan etc. – have never abandoned its main strategic plan to reincarnate (rebuild in a new image) a united global Islamic state, the Caliphate. Since the Islamic world has no military or economic means to achieve this goal, the first phase of the plan is to support population growth and continuous migration, first to Europe and then to Russia. Then, using money transfers from Saudi Arabia, Turkey and other countries, follows the construction of mosques, madrasas and schools in destination countries and the sending of imams, teachers and armed activists to such countries in order to direct the processes and prevent any attempts of assimilation into local culture. According to 2015 data, more than 2,400 mosques are active in France, including over 1,500 in Paris, that is much more than the number of all religious buildings used by Christians or other believers. Of course, mosques whose construction requires a lot of money cannot be built by immigrants living on government welfare. The question is: why don't Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Pakistan, Iran and other countries use these heaps of money for the needs of immigrants escaping from hunger? Another thing is still more surprising: do the liberal leaders of France and other European countries fail to understand that Islamic states pursue a different goal, i.e. to conquer Europe from the inside using poorly educated Muslims who are loyal to their clergy and who have been sent to Europe or moved there on their own? The mosque will be consolidating such individuals and transforming them into a powerful political force. Moreover, any mosque build on a non-Islamic land will be deemed an area conquered by Allah. In is an undisputable truth in the world of Islam.

According to the ideological doctrine of Islamic fundamentalism, the fact that some Muslim peoples live within non-Muslim states (the Russian Federation includes seven "Muslim" regions – Bashkortostan, Tatarstan, Ingushetia, Dagestan, Kabardino-Balkaria, Karachay-Cherkessia, and Chechnya) is considered

as a "result of occupation", so their objective is to struggle for independence for the purpose of their further inclusion in an "Islamic unity – Caliphate"[See: 3].

This clearly resembles the Bolshevik doctrine of global socialism that called for protecting the proletariat all over the world by any means, including revolutions, armed struggle, the formation of revolutionary, communist or popular parties, their generous funding and their training with the use of "seconded" communist specialists.

Thus, history repeats itself, assuming new forms, colors, ideology and content. One thing is absolute – any misanthropic ideology, whether based on nationalism (fascism), social theory (communism) or religious bigotry (fundamental Islam) will eventually fail. But, given a number of factors, Islam and its radical strains can become extraordinarily dangerous. The opposition between Islam and Christianity is a multifaceted phenomenon and includes not only political and economic aspects (the poor wage a war against the rich), but also the civilizational, religious and racial ones. Moreover, this is a struggle of two fundamentally different civilizational and everyday cultures associated with different geographic latitudes and different human genotypes. One cannot deny that societies living in totally different conditions develop their own specific means to understand, and interact with, the world [See: 4].

Islam cannot live in peace with, and fights against, all civilizations of the world, including those which exist in China (Uyghurs), Asia (Pakistan-Kashmir-India), Africa, Europe and the USA. But, historically and geopolitically, the principal civilization opposing Islam includes Europe and Russia, the countries committed to Christian culture and values whose population belongs to the Caucasian race, the secular states based on a similar structure of society, gender equality, monogamy and a similar culture of everyday life, and occupying the same geographic latitudes.

Islam is a multiracial conglomerate which unites peoples belonging to the Mongoloid, Caucasian and Negroid races around the religion factor, whereas the ethno-territorial factor has absolute priority in the self-identification of the people-nation, country and individual in the areas belonging to Christian and other cultures. In its conflict with Christian countries and countries of other cultures, Islam is, with rare exceptions, represented by theocratic states. Those countries which have declared themselves secular, such as Turkey, Egypt, Tunis or Azerbaijan, are far from being such according

to international standards, since the clergy and religion remain extremely influential in the social and political life of those countries. Consequently, the conflict in international relations is between secular states and theocratic or, in some cases, semi-theocratic ones. Finally, such a sharp conflict of cultures also covers the human dimension, including such factors as the level of education, gender equality, the democratic rights and freedoms of citizens, the culture of everyday life, the "South-North" geopolitical line etc.

In fact, the Islamic world is now seeking a geopolitical revenge and a return to Europe through a "demographic jihad" (5). Indeed, the vast majority of the immigrants are reluctant to work and adapt themselves in European countries, to respect local rules and ethical standards of behavior. Their principal goal is to receive welfare (it is required to give birth to still more babies for this purpose) and to live according to the Sharia rules while enjoying the living standards and freedom they were deprived of back in their fatherland.

It is a surprising fact that most immigrants have believed the propaganda of Islamic activists and clerics that the West is obliged to nourish and maintain them since it is rich at their expense and, indeed, all of the territory now occupied by the Western countries once had belonged to Muslim peoples but then was taken by the infidels (kafirs) (6) with the use of deception and force. There is another, still more dangerous religious motivation, according to which everything good in the world should belong to faithful Muslims and, in order to correct the mistake that has been committed, coercion against the infidels should be used.

While clearly positioning itself as a different, specific civilization, the Islamic world is, in its turn, going global, but the basis for such globalization is of a confessional (affiliation with Islam) rather than political or economic nature.

As an example, one can mention the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the most influential and the only intergovernmental among numerous other Islamic international organizations. The OIC consists of 57 Islamic states, including five former Soviet republics – Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan – admitted in 1993. Those post-Soviet countries, hoping for large financial aid from the wealthy oil-producing countries of the Persian Gulf, would make every effort to prove their belonging to the Islamic world, and the leaders of one of the former Soviet republics, the father and son Aliev, made their hajj to

Mecca where they prayed, dressed in white, at the "sacred stone". Upon his return home, Geidar Aliev declared Turkey and Azerbaijan to be "two states of one and the same nation".

Europe passed the stage when states formed alliances along religious lines in the early Middle Ages. As such states secularized, they started to form alliances on the basis of political and economic criteria. This fact is another clear confirmation that the Islamic world and the rest of the world community live according to their own calendars and in different temporal dimensions. It is the year 1437 in the Islamic world today, and the year 2016 in the other countries worldwide (with rare exceptions) (7).

The Muslim countries of Asia and most African countries live in the early Middle Ages in many aspects of their social relationships. However, the Islamic world is far from being homogenous. Geographic proximity to Europe, a long period of being a colony of a European nation, the intensity of international exchange and, primarily, a comparatively moderate role of religion and the clergy results in a higher level of development of certain countries within the Islamic world, which include Turkey, still hoping to become an EU member, Egypt, the former French colonies of Algeria, Tunisia, Syria and Lebanon (Christians – Maronite Arabs and Armenians – account for more than quarter of the latter's population), and the post-Soviet Turkic peoples of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan which belong to Islam and which, due to Soviet rule, made progress equivalent to decades of development. Tajikistan is less developed and more archaic, and the same is true for Turkmenistan, the motherland of the Oguz tribe, the predecessors of today's Turks and Azerbaijani.

The other extreme is represented by Saudi Arabia which, being the native land of Mohammad, act as a missionary for the Islamic world, as well as Iraq, Yemen, the Gulf countries, Afghanistan, and the Muslim countries of Central Africa. It should be noted that the high per capita GDP in the UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, as well as the highly visible wealth of those countries' national elites, is not being used for public needs or for the improvement of the national "political and legal" institutions. Even the appropriateness of the expression "political and legal" is doubtful, since public life in those countries is governed by the rules of Sharia and adat (tradition) rather than law.

The following trend is evident: the higher the level of religiosity in society and the more important the theocratic element of the state,

the less the scope of rights being enjoyed in such society and state by an individual who is deprived of the status of citizen in the context of international law. Despite its evident backwardness, the Islamic world is far from being satisfied with its place in the global community and declares its dissatisfaction by all possible means.

Islamic civilization as a religion and, at the same time, a way of living for a great number of people is extremely immobile, revolves around its axis and, apparently, cannot change this situation by its own. The majority of population also fails to understand the need for transformation towards the liberalization of social life and for enhancing the legal status of an individual.

Whereas in the early Middle Ages the difference between the Christian countries and the Muslim ones had not been so significant and, due to active trade with China and India, the Muslim countries had even been ahead of the European continent in many aspects, they made virtually no progress during the subsequent 600 or 700 years as a result of religious restrictions. A constrained and depressed man obliged to pray five times a day and rightless vis-à-vis his sheikhs or a dependent, repeatedly pregnant and silent woman could not develop a progressive democratic society where people would enjoy equal rights. During that period, the Judeo-Christian civilization adopted the Magna Carta (1215), the Habeas Corpus Act (1679), the Declaration of Rights of Man and of the Citizen (1789) and the first written constitution (1787) and leaped into a democratic society of free equal individuals. It made flights to outer space and the Moon, developed supersonic aviation, cracked the atom, discovered computer technology and space communications, liberated Muslim countries from colonial dependence and set up a dialog with its yesterday's rightless subjects. But the result is poor: despite all efforts being made by the Judeo-Christian civilization in order to upgrade the Islamic world, the latter, due to its evil aggressiveness, remains to be an immense burden for it with a population of almost two billion people.

It is impossible and undesirable to reform Islam from the outside, because each people is entitled to choose the direction of its development as long as its choice is consistent with the overall interests and rhythm of global civilization and does not pose a threat to the existence of other countries or the world community as a whole.

The deep backwardness of Muslim countries, especially their uncontrolled fertility, has

become not only their problem and already requires protective measures on the part of the global community. Today the Muslim countries, India, partly Latin America (especially Mexico and Colombia) give birth to more children that they can nourish and support. This extremely high fertility prevents those countries from increasing the sociocultural, law-awareness and educational level of their population. The extremely high fertility of population in Muslim countries results from their way of life, the backwardness and rightlessness of women, lack of responsibility to future generations and hope for humanitarian aid from the kind Europeans that they hate.

Year after year, hundreds of thousands of hungry people, wanted by nobody, risk their lives traveling the world in search for food and jobs. The more lucky will reach Europe or North America, the less fortunate will find low-paying, slavish jobs in neighboring Islamic states, such as Saudi Arabia or Qatar, or join international criminal organizations dealing in drugs or abducted people or such terrorist organizations as Al-Qaeda or ISIS.

Naturally, one feels sorry for those actually redundant people who die in thousands from such terrible living conditions, including hunger, hard work or poverty. In Saudi Arabia, at 40°C temperature and high humidity – conditions killing any living organism, – Indian Muslims who are paid \$2 or \$3 per day work at giant construction sites erecting magnificent buildings designed by European architects that strike us by excessive luxury, such as a copy of the Louvre or skyscraper hotels; in fact, they repeat the fate of the slaves who built the Egyptian pyramids.

Surprisingly, Islamic solidarity and brotherhood are forgotten in such situations. Indeed, few people can endure such a hard work; they will die in 3 to 5 years or return home in ill condition, with miserable several hundred dollars in their pockets.

A vast number of hungry people saving their lives from war and endless poverty, intoxicated by Turkish or Saudi propaganda, are being exported to the developed countries of Europe. For Turkey, this is not only lucrative business (recently, the European Union alone paid \$3 billion to this country and promised to pay an equal amount in the future), but also a geopolitical goal – to destroy from the inside the European Union which rudely closed its doors before it when Helmut Kohl, the former German chancellor, declared that Turkey was a country culturally foreign to Christian Europe so Germany was against its admission to the EU.

The overall negative trend in the Islamic world is highly influenced by international Islamic religious/political, financial/economic or educational organizations formed at various times which seek to coordinate and direct the internal and external life of Muslims both within particular countries and globally.

The idea of establishing such organizations was proposed back in the 1920s by Turkey then headed by "secular leader" Kemal Ataturk. He managed to obtain mammoth financial and military aid from the Bolsheviks for the purpose of fighting "capitalists" represented by Greece, a small Orthodox country. After he had defeated Greece with the assistance of the Bolsheviks and successfully played the role of a friend and benefactor of the rebellious workers of the East, Kemal Ataturk drowned the Turkish communists in the Black Sea with stones tied to their necks. Due to that "friendship", Ataturk (meaning "father of Turks") had also got vast Armenian-populated areas in the Kars province and the Surmali district plus the symbol of Armenia, Mount Ararat, and then terminated his "tender love" with the Bolsheviks.

Having realized the diplomatic stupidity of the Bolsheviks, he provided his brotherly assistance for Azerbaijan, whose population belonged to the same Turkic tribe of Oguzes, and arranged for the inclusion in Azerbaijan of the Nakhichevan region separated by Armenian territory from Azerbaijan (Nakhichevan means "Noah's landing" in Armenian), as well as the primordial Armenian region of Nagorno-Karabakh with purely Armenian population.

It should be bitterly noted that Islamic solidarity in this case may in no way be compared with the policy of the Russian Bolsheviks who turned down their old Orthodox brothers, Greece and Armenia during that decisive period of history. As a result, Russia lost forever an extremely important geopolitical area rich in energy resources. The various Turkic khanates located in that area had been consolidated into the Republic of Azerbaijan which declared itself a strategic ally of Turkey just after the collapse of the USSR. However, the Bolsheviks during that period denied both Orthodoxy and the Orthodox Church, as well as God and common sense, indeed. Turkey has been and remains an implacable geopolitical and civilizational enemy of Russia, this is an evident fact that cannot be ignored.

I cannot rule out that over time the USA and NATO will arrange for another hostile arc (Sweden, the Baltic States, Poland, Ukraine,

and, of course, Turkey) around Russia which will excel Russia in terms of both human resources and economic potential. This alternative should also be taken into account, so Russia should strengthen the reintegrated Crimea, as well as Armenia and perhaps Abkhazia as our most important southern strategic allies.

We should also be aware that Turkey will be using all possible means to penetrate into the Muslim regions of Russia, especially Tatarstan and Chechnya where it has achieved considerable success in Islamizing those republics.

International Islamic Organizations²

After the end of World War II, the following international Islamic nongovernment organizations were established: the Muslim World League (MWL) and the World Islamic Congress (WIC). Apart from them stands the League of Arab States with its headquarters in Cairo, formed in 1945 and including 20 Arab states. In these organizations, Muslim countries are represented by national spiritual leaders rather than political or secular leaders of the relevant countries. The key ideological concept of these organizations is "Muslim non-alignment", that in fact means to prevent convergence with the rest of the world and to develop concurrently with it, relying upon it for all necessary technical, humanitarian, scientific, medical and other aid while remaining a closed society with obedient (the word "Islam" itself means obedience) population living according to medieval standards. One may draw a sort of analogy with the collapsed Soviet society where the authorities made every effort to keep their citizens unaware of the achievements of developed capitalist countries in social and political life and totally closed national borders for their population.

In the international arena, a group of independent Islamic organizations conduct highly specialized activities in finance and banking. There exist the Islamic Development Bank, the International Association of Islamic Banks, international Islamic new agencies, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Islamic Education Center, and the Islamic Call Society which actively conducts subversive operations seeing its principal objective in disseminating Islam all over the world and to help Muslim minorities in non-Muslim countries.

In addition, as part of a trend for independence from the global community, the International Islamic Court of Justice has been formed,

² See also: [7]

which may demand, where necessary, to transfer any Muslim who has committed a crime into its jurisdiction.

At different points in time, such clearly radical international religious organizations as the Muslim Brotherhood and Hezbollah were also established. They have become well-known worldwide for their numerous extremist acts.

The above-mentioned OIC (Organization of Islamic Cooperation), despite that it has declared the principle of commitment to the UN Charter and the principle of respect for basic human rights, tries to replace the UN in the Muslim world. But how can we speak about the secular nature of this organization, if its charter contains the mandatory principle of Islam's priority not only in domestic life but also in international relations?

The desire of Muslim elites to stand alone, to retain their rigid, medieval-type vertical of power with respect to their obscure, obedient population and, at the same time, to use widely the benefits of the civilization developed by a different world that they hate and look in a modern way, manifests itself in the adoption of the Universal Islamic Declaration of Human Rights, which is only superficially similar to the well-known UN Declaration of Human Rights.

Despite the principle of non-intervention with the domestic affairs of sovereign states contained in that act, it adds that all Muslim minorities of the world and each Muslim in particular constitute an integral part of the universal Muslim community (Ummah).

It turns out that the "legal jurisdiction" of a state does not extend to any Muslims living in its territory. This is a nonsense amounting to the non-recognition of not only international law but also the entire contemporary world order.

Thus, the European states, including Russia, which receive for humanitarian reasons migrants suffering from hunger or exposed to the bullets of gangsters or their own authorities and then authorize the construction of mosques, are forming in their respective countries a hostile "fifth column" living on its own according to Sharia. And when such European states demand that the newcomers obey local laws, those "kind" people feel obliged to react in the form of jihad. Then you should not irritate the uninvited guests with your Christian holidays (Epiphany, New Year), Christian symbols and especially women's short skirts which force them to undertake a sexual assault or terrorist attack. If you are really civilized, then you should tolerate it, because your Christian faith welcomes martyrdom, doesn't it?

There is another open question: may an ethnic Arab or Turk etc. be a non-believer or atheist when living in a Muslim state, or is the freedom of conscience a priori unacceptable in Islamic states? The latter is clearly true, otherwise he or she will be cruelly punished. And what about individuals living in such a country but belonging to a different civilization or religion? Prohibitions, oppression, the inability to build churches or to wear Christian symbols, like in Saudi Arabia, etc. That means that the main achievement of the civilized world – the equality of people irrespective of their ethnic origin, gender, religion or race – is also a priori ignored in Muslim countries. Unfortunately, it should be stated that in fact the Islamic world does not try to enter modern civilization but remains at its doorway.

Now hundreds of highly paid European lawyers, specialists, journalists, press representatives and politicians earn tens of millions of dollars by representing the interests of Islam in various Western countries and organizations, in courts and financial institutions in order to justify crimes of Muslims in Christian countries, defend their rights to build mosques, educate their children in Muslim schools, or legitimize polygamy or coercion with respect to women.

The Islamic international movement started in parallel to the Bolshevik one surprisingly resembles and, moreover, copies it in many aspects. Whereas the Bolsheviks called for communist solidarity, the unity of all workers, the protection of their interests all over the world and the dissemination of the communist ideas in order to achieve their victory all over the world, the Islamists do just the same but replace communism with their call for the protection and dissemination of Islam and use the word "Muslim" instead of "worker".

The main thing in common between the communist movement and today's Islam has been their desire to destroy the much more developed, free and rich democratic Western world. In the past, the communist countries, while setting barriers against the democratic world, strived to destroy it with the use of the communist proletariat and other leftist parties. Islamists try to do the same, but they use Muslim immigrants and the dissemination of their religion.

Anyway, we deal with a single phenomenon which has only changed its presentation and get-up. But there is another difference, and an essential one. The communists, being either Europeans or (as far as China or, partially, Vietnam is concerned) Confucians and understanding the role of science and education, rapidly

developed and, over time, transformed into more open societies with a considerable set of democratic freedoms. But Islam does not change in itself, continuing to live according to Sharia and a medieval calendar and maintaining its belligerent nature.

Of course, exterior changes in the economy of certain more successful Muslim countries supplying raw materials to Western Europe (there have been no processing industries, mechanical engineering or high-tech production in the Islamic world) are evident. But on the inside, people, except for those who have lost connection with the mosque and religion, remain virtually unchanged. Allah has given them oil that they do not need to fuel camels, horses or mules. The kafirs who need it pay heaps of money, pump it out and even compete with each other, thus pushing up its price. You idiots! We have managed to deceive your Christian God!

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Today is the time to make decisions which will determine how things will go and what will be the outcome of such global contradictions between developed Europe and the controversial, hungry and poorly governed Islamic world penetrated by a medieval-type religious spirit and currently experiencing a new upsurge. It is not an exaggeration that the threat facing Europe and Christian culture is real and very high. The situation is aggravated by the fact that, with rare exceptions, the leaders of the European Union and Western Europe support neoliberal ideology. Instead of evaluating the situation realistically and taking appropriate measures, they use the tactics of repeated concessions and compromises, trying to retain control over the processes and, first of all, their temporary power this way.

They call their people to be tolerant, humane, merciful and ready for patience and suffering, to worry about the life and honor of their children and relatives and so to chasten their souls. One can see once more than the neoliberalism of today's European politicians has lost any reason and lives and acts in a different dimension like a religious cult which has lost touch with reality.

Whereas this sort of tactics yields some results in a short run, strategically it can result in disastrous consequences for a country. Let me give an example from French reality which may, over time, become extremely relevant for Russia as well. At the latest presidential elections, socialist Francois Holland got the votes of 80% of the Muslims who had received French citizenship. Officially, the number of such Mu-

slims in France is over seven million (8), and they have actually turned into a significant political force. Holland was also supported by a majority of retirees and relatively poor citizens, most of them belonging to naturalized minorities as well. Therefore the democratic principle of general elections is transforming now from a progressive tool into a negative factor, because it automatically leads to power parties declaring populist, unrealistic social programs of wealth redistribution from the rich to the poor. Given the current trends of global development where the number of retirees and various welfare beneficiaries grows steadily and the number of the rich and those who produce wealth is on the decline, such policy would eventually result in the depletion of tax receipts and the outflow of the successful and affluent to offshore zones and abroad. It should be added that the welfare benefits going to millions of immigrants who do not work and are reluctant to work are close to the salaries of hard-working taxpayers. As a result, Holland is in power whereas hardliner Sarkozy, who approves the orderly deportation of systematically jobless or criminally involved immigrants, lost, and the interests of the state and the country lost as well. One could only hope that the natural instinct of survival and the tragic nature of the situation will cause all potent forces of Europe, including Russia, the biggest and most powerful country of European Christian culture, to fight back the avalanche-like attack of the Middle Ages in a consolidated manner. At the same time, tides of criticism and strengthening popular resistance will likely force the liberal leaders of Europe to adjust the current harmful political course. It is still more likely, however, that Merkel, Holland etc. will fail to receive public approval at the next elections. But now, despite their declining authority, they are still in office and, moreover, try to attract voters with new promises.

One can hardly agree with the statement by Chancellor Angela Merkel that the future of Europe and of the peoples living within its territory, as seen by her and her associates, will not involve any borders or any ethnic, cultural or religious identification and that it is the only way for Europe to become a fatherland for all of its residents. This is quite a luring outlook for the 35 to 40 million immigrants, primarily Muslims, who have obtained or are in the process of obtaining citizenship. And, on the face of it, this concept appears to be quite humane and promises a bright future for Europe. In fact, however, these generous promises conceal a desire to get the voices of deperso-

nalized voters in spite of common sense. Moreover, this sort of ideology poses a threat to great European Christian culture and its ethnic basis, the European traditions and languages. One cannot rule out, however, that this may be a new way to strengthen German domination in Europe when Germany's key strategic competitors, France and the UK, are involved in dealing with their serious domestic problems (9). There is only one question that should be answered: who will work, produce, think and create in such a depersonalized Europe? People wearing turbans and barefoot sandals? Or veiled women? Will they study Kant or Hegel, read Shakespeare or Heine, listen to Bach or Beethoven? Or the fate of the whole Europe is to fall down to the Middle Ages – not the European Middle Ages that the Islamic world is unable to achieve even now, but the primitive Asian Middle Ages, with caravans of camels and mules, slavery and harems? It is terrible to imagine what will happen to the population of old, kind, relaxed and gentle Europe when the uninvited guests/occupants outnumber them and start to actively form their own political and public organizations.

By the way, sometimes fiction writers, like Jules Verne, find themselves ahead of their time in their predictions as they describe what will happen decades or even centuries later (10). In this regard, it is worth noting *Submission* [5], a novel by French writer Michel Houellebecq describing an Islamic party taking power in France in 2015 and starting to rule an Islamic way.

But should we be surprised? A considerable part of Europe (Spain, Portugal, Greece, the Balkans, Romania and Moldova) saw several centuries of Islamic domination. Perhaps, history repeats itself, indeed, but this time it occurs in the form of a tragic grotesque?

During the last 20 to 30 years, the ethnic mosaic of the Middle East, Turkey, Iran, Indonesia, and Africa (South Africa is relatively less affected yet) has been fundamentally distorted. Tens of millions of Christians have left, or rather simply been forced to leave, certain areas where they lived for centuries. Their houses and churches would be destroyed and looted, ancient monuments would be exploded, and Christians would be openly oppressed everywhere. But the neoliberal leaders of mighty Christian nations ignore this, in every situation trying to swindle each other and obtain maximum benefit at the cost of their neighbors. This demonstrates the principle of individualism (the priority of personal success over all other considerations) implemented on a national scale.

The blatant oppression of Christians involving political demagoguery, blackmailing and coercion is still underway (11). And if the press or some political or public activists protest against such practices, hired European human right advocates, liberals of all kinds and corrupt journalists will make great noise and accuse them of Islamophobia or even racism. As a conclusive evidence of Christian atrocities, the medieval crusades against Muslims are mentioned. But what was the purpose of the crusades, what did crusaders want to liberate? Christian shrines, Jerusalem? Should we think that it is a crime for Christian to liberate their shrines and it is permissible for Muslims to conquer and hold them? Muslims hold the sacred Christian city Constantinople, founded by Constantine the Great in 324, and the Hagia Sophia Cathedral (12), transformed into a mosque called Ayasofya in 1453. So tolerance and political correctness go to the point where people of Christian culture must keep silence about key dates on the timeline of human civilization in order not to offend the “hapless” descendants of conquerors? To tell the truth does not necessarily mean to seek to reverse history. It would be appropriate to declare such shrines extraterritorial all-civilization values and to safeguard those greatest creations of humankind against the fate of Palmyra.

But there exist less distant examples of the same trend, too. Look at today's ethnic structure of former “brotherly” Soviet (now Muslim) republics which acquired the status of states and elementary skills of public administration under Soviet rule. Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan which had never been sovereign nations, as well as Uzbekistan which had long since lost its sovereignty, became full-fledged members of the global community and the UN. At the same time, due to the policy of open Islamization pursued by the authorities of these countries and the oppression of the Christian minority, Christians were forced to leave these republics in great numbers. Whereas about 10 million Russians, Ukrainians, Germans, Byelorussians, Armenians and Jews lived there before the collapse of the USSR, now there remain only about 4 million of them, primarily in more successful Kazakhstan, and the exodus of that segment of population continues.

Such US allies as Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and other Muslim countries strictly prohibit, under the threat of criminal punishment, building Christian temples, wearing Christian symbols or celebrating Christmas and New Year. At the same time, those Muslim who have already

moved into Europe and who are mainly jobless and live on European welfare benefits, loudly demand the same from the authorities of France, Belgium and other European countries – to conceal and not to manifest their Christian values. Such demands do not prevent those Muslims from opening thousands of new mosques (13), madrasas and Islamic schools in Europe. But everything is interrelated in our world and, sooner or later, apt and realistic forces will unavoidably come into power instead of crying feminists and feminized liberals. Now the cancer tumor of Islam is expanding in the body of Europe hour after hour. Unless it is surgically removed, the continent – the cradle of Christian culture – and its people will die. God open the eyes of the cowardly European politicians who seek to gather votes at any price.

In the foreseeable future, Islam will not cease to fight against the global community, especially with its rich heterogeneous old neighbor, Europe. Using one migration tide after another, Islam will try to overwhelm it first in demographic and then in civilizational terms. This huge human mass will be boiling both in European countries themselves and in adjacent areas, threatening to penetrate instantly any country where the political funnel of a liberal regime is formed and where both statehood and historical and cultural values degrade under the pressure of feminists, sexual minorities or various human rights activists, as is the case with France which was the first to declare itself a secular state without adding that Christianity was the basis for its civilization. It is not by chance that Pope Francis has called France an “unthankful daughter of the Catholic Church”.

Due to its ill-conceived activities in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, the USA have added momentum to these processes which only remotely affect it as yet. Moreover, turmoil in international affairs and the weakening of its political and economic rivals are even beneficial to the USA, because translating market rules into intercivilizational relations is fairly consistent with liberal values.

One may recall the events in Yugoslavia in 1999 when the USA bombed that country for 78 days in a row on the pretext of human rights protection, after which the first Islamic quasi-state, Kosovo, emerged in Europe. Then Kosovo became a drug trafficking and crime hub for the whole continent.

All attempts to make peace with Islam have been unsuccessful to date. It is hardly possible to reconcile Islam and Christianity or the two cultures or mentalities respectively based on them, either today or in the foreseeable future.

They are fundamentally different in all key aspects of human activities. Christian culture and the philosophic and legal doctrine of Christianity view human life as a divine gift and the most precious value and believe that society and the government must do everything possible to preserve and secure it. Homicide, as well as suicide, is a great sin in Christian culture. A murderer or self-murderer may not be buried in a cemetery along with other people and must be condemned and excommunicated by the Church. Islam holds a contrary position on this issue which is extremely important for all of us. In Islam, human life means nothing, a human comes into a world which is not susceptible to change, and he is obliged to do everything in his power, including the sacrificing of his life, in order to kill infidels, and then he will become a “shahid”, and the gates of the paradise will open before him (14).

It is difficult to imagine how dangerous this religious and worldview doctrine can be for the Muslims, the vast majority of whom consists of deeply believing, obscure and uneducated people living according to the medieval Sharia laws. One may wonder whether this is the reason why many of them do not appreciate their own lives as well as the lives of other people and may kill in cold blood innocent people for the only reason that they are not Muslims. Then would not it be better to live separately or to visit each other only for a limited period? Of course, there are a lot of civilized and decent people among the Muslims, but they are, as a rule, not religious although they may try not to expose this fact for fear of revenge from their own ethnic group.

After US presidential candidate Donald Trump proposed to close the US gates before those Muslims who had committed bloody terrorist acts in the past and to permit entry only to students, businessmen and other people coming for legitimate purposes (15), this idea, far from being new, was in fact legalized. Millions of people have endorsed it, and it has become a subject of a very broad discussion both in the USA and abroad.

The argument that the West and Russia undergo a demographic decline and need to attract new working force in order to support their economies is absolutely unfounded. If Mercedes Benz cars are in demand, then should the producer invite millions of Turks or Algerians in order to further expand its production? But what will those people, with their several wives and numerous children, be doing tomorrow, when the demand decreases? Anyway, they will not go back, because no Muslim

country will provide Muslims with such amenities or pay such benefits to them from their national budgets in the name of "humanism" or "tolerance". Therefore, the prosperity of the company will be maintained at the cost of significant social concessions and, most important, the shrinking living space of the country's population. It is an extremely unequal exchange which may have lethal consequences for the country (16). It turns out that the policy of the state, even in a matter of top national significance, gives priority to the short-term interests of mighty companies. But could it be different? Without the approval and financial support of those companies, Merkel and hired political managers of a similar kind could have neither come into power nor subsequently pursued policies convenient for those companies. Moreover, a large number of parliament and government members are also representatives of various financial groups who receive profits from their businesses.

The hope that Islam and its radical strains will, in a foreseeable future, become more moderate or tolerable to other cultures and adapt to contemporary realities means either mere ignorance with respect to Islam or a deliberate and dangerous fallacy. Now Islam is unable to break out of its closed circle. Its essence is coercion with respect to dissidents, women, those who adhere to other religions, who are in doubt or hesitate, atheists, adulterers, sexual minorities etc. They may be subjected to oppression or punishment up to a death penalty, stoning or other scary and disgusting acts. And who is to carry out the reformation and humanization of Islam? Its medieval-minded imams who have read nothing but the Quran? It is true that certain representatives of traditional Islam try to apply the archaic text of the Quran to contemporary realities by making it more tolerable to Christianity and other religions. But these efforts are of no avail as yet, because, unfortunately, the number of supporters of extreme Islamic varieties, such as Wahhabism, is on the rise, as evidenced by the ravaging ISIS, which easily recruits tens of thousands of thugs from all over the world, by regular terrorist attacks in peaceful cities of Europe and Russia, and by a lot of excited approvals from Muslims in social networks regarding the events in Paris and Brussels.

To summarize the above, I would like to emphasize a series of aspects.

- Islam is an ideology of nomadic peoples that formed in the early Middle Ages, and it will never accept modern democratic values, such as a secular state, the freedom of con-

science, gender equality and non-coercion with respect to those who dissent. Look at today's political map. Do you see at least one Muslim state where the clergy and religion do not dominate public and political life, where religion and religious institutions are separated from the state and where secular rules of living are established (17)? In today's Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Yemen etc., one will be put to death in a brutal way, in the presence of thousands of rejoicing people, for defection from, or dissent with, Islam, for homosexuality or a woman's marital disloyalty (men are exempt from such penalties). The cruel procedure of female circumcision, (18) which results in the death of many girls, is often used.

- All contemporary fundamental democratic values are rejected in Muslim countries. Any reform aimed at softening Islam or its practices would fail, as it was in Iran, or give way to the strengthening of the Islamic component in public life, as it is in today's Turkey. A similar situation arose in Egypt, where elections held after the overturn of Mubarak led into power the Muslim Brotherhood, the most reactionary group which has been existing in the Middle East since the 1930s. Only the intervention of the army and progressive generals saved the country from its return to the Middle Ages. All of this means that religion and the level of religiosity in Islamic countries have strong roots and, therefore, such democratic institutions as general elections will not result in progressive changes there. If necessary, Islam will employ the tactics of "takiyyah", Sharia-approved lies in relations with infidels. Please accept us and help us, but then... there will arise a situation like that which takes place in France or Belgium. As demonstrated by the latest terrorist attacks in Paris, individuals who live in those countries in the third generation, have French or Belgian citizenship (craved by thousands of people) and have been receiving, from generation to generation, welfare, education, and their own homes, explode themselves together with innocent people who are punished this way for their stupid gullibility and tolerance.

How long will this process continue? Isn't it the time for the global community to recognize the aggressive nature of this religion, to demand the governments of the Muslim countries that they take appropriate steps to check the disastrous population growth in those countries, and to pay attention to the horrific social conditions which generate flows of refugees. As yet, the principal problem for the Europeans is how to adapt the Muslims who have settled in their countries long ago rather than how to receive

the huge numbers of newly arriving people belonging to Islamic culture.

Things are evolving rapidly in Europe, and in Russia too. Neither Europe nor Russia should reach the point of no return where the outsiders, having reached a certain number and consolidated, would become a dangerous social and political force. To that end, they will certainly enjoy every assistance from abroad, as it was in the case of Chechnya. A ban on the construction of madrasas and mosques with the proceeds of foreign funding should become one of the most important and effective measures. In this regard too, Turkey and Saudi Arabia are the key players seeking to keep millions of Muslim emigrants within the limits of Islam and Sharia laws by means of newly formed cultural and religious organizations. It should be kept in mind that the Islamic world strictly adheres to the "Dar al-Islam" principle, i.e. any Muslim, irrespective of his or her residence or citizenship, is subject to the global Ummah through the local ummah formed around the relevant mosque and may be punished for disobedience. This principle contradicts the rule of international law according to which any state has jurisdiction over the citizens residing in its territory irrespective of their religion or race.

It is also necessary to prohibit money transfers to individuals from foreign-registered nontransparent sources. As practice shows, in many cases such transfers are intended for persons connected with jihadist groups. If a former student of a madrasa or a believer associated with a particular mosque commits an act of terror, the relevant institution should be suspended for five years. On a second occasion of that kind, the relevant institution should be closed forever without the right to appeal against such a court decision.

There also exist a lot of other methods which can help restrict the aggressive propagation of Islam in European countries. First of all, it is also required to prohibit the concentration of Muslims in certain areas and, most important, to cease welfare payments to unemployed Muslims. It would be also advisable to distribute them to jobs in various parts of the country, far from large cities where they may easily avoid control or be more susceptible to negative influence.

The European countries having a Muslim community, as well as Russia, should pay particular attention to the involvement of Muslim women into labor activities (personal and other services, medical care etc.) and to their education. It is the only way to achieve the initial so-

cialization of Muslim children and to prepare them for admission to children's institutions and schools. At the same time, it is necessary to limit or cease welfare payments to families which give birth to more than two children without regard for their financial condition, thus shifting the burden of their maintenance onto the shoulders of the taxpayers. Those who repeatedly breach the law should be deported together with their underage children. Maybe that would be inhumane - but is it human to ignore our own children, to jeopardize their future? It is highly probable, indeed, that a socially handicapped Muslim child will end up in the slums or become a jihadist in the future.

In all European countries as well as in Russia which also has a Muslim community, it would be advisable to have an ombudsman or special watchdog organizations monitoring compliance with gender equality laws and preventing family violence against women and children. It is only by securing gender equality in Muslim families that we can check their skyrocketing demographic growth.

An ideology hostile to the Christian values is now taught by imams, school and madrasa teachers sent from abroad who typically share backward medieval-type views. Their activities should be subject to strict licensing, and those who are not entitled to live in the relevant country or lack appropriate education should be deported. These measures, as well as some other measures, would eventually serve not only the protection and safeguarding of great Christian culture, but also the benefit of the poor and rightless population of Muslim countries that is estimated at 1.5 billion. A prohibition to accept immigrants would force the Muslim rulers leading rich and luxurious life to take care of their citizens who would otherwise overthrow them because they would be unable to move to Europe anymore.

Muslim countries should strictly control the growth of their population. The Christian world they hate so much is no longer capable of accepting and feeding them. In addition, Europe already spends a lot of funds not for humanitarian purposes but for the maintenance of enhanced police and law-enforcement forces and for border protection. Any humanitarian aid for Muslim countries should be conditional upon population growth reduction.

Why has the great China managed to do that and the Islamic world failed? And, finally, where is the much-praised Islamic solidarity? Whereas the sheikhs of oil-producing Gulf countries build gold-plated skyscrapers in their capitals due to the petrodollars coming from

the West and strike the world and the Europeans with their luxury, millions of their starving compatriots are fed and supported by the kafirs (infidels) so hated by them.

Contrary to evident facts and the whole history of Islam, Islamic representatives repeat every time that it is a religion of peace, love and mercy, but one cannot understand why terrorists and murderers choose exactly the religion of Allah and why the countries where this religion dominates fight against their neighbors throughout the very long perimeter of their geopolitical domain.

To conclude with, I would like to note that exactly 101 years ago, in 1915, Turkey committed the brutal genocide of Christians, Armenians, Greeks, Assyrians and Russian old-believers who had lived in its territory. Two million people, primarily Armenians, were killed in a barbaric manner. A quarter of a century later, Hitler called the Nazis to exterminate Jews and Slavs and emphasized, "Be merciless. Who remembers today about the killing of Armenians, we need vacant territories."

He was wrong, the world remembers not only about that tragedy but also the subsequent Holocaust, as well as the close cooperation of Germany and Turkey in two world wars – a cooperation that still continues. Turkey, which has in effect launched a broad attack on Europe and the whole civilized world, remains to be the chief enemy of Christian culture in the Islamic world. This fact is evident to anyone except for the hypocritical European liberals engaged in the creation of a new multilingual Babylon without borders and without any religious, ethnic or cultural identification. Bringing to a level of absurdity the protection of human rights and especially the rights of sexual minorities, ignoring the interests of their countries and peoples and denying the civilizational danger facing Europe, they keep on working for the only purpose of retaining their power at any cost. After each bloody terrorist attack, instead of taking appropriate security measures, they stage theatrical rallies, fireworks and huggings intended for the voters. Perhaps, this is all what they can?

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The life of human beings on our planet becomes more and more challenging giving rise to new global concerns, of which the environmental problems are predominant. And, if these problems are mostly objective by nature, the contradiction and clashes between two religions are merely subjective and can be easily mitigated, or remedied. In the century of spa-

ce exploration and nuclear arms humankind should be more reasonable, since the religion was made for man, not man for the religion.

Notes:

1. Russian political scientist Henry Sardaryan points to one extremely illustrative fact. For the latest two decades, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait, the UAE and Syria, i.e. the richest and relatively developed countries of the Islamic world, have registered as few as 267 patents of lesser significance, whereas Israel has registered 7,652 patents for the same period, many of them solving key problems of contemporary science and technology [See: 2. P. 4]

2. Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, the US citizens who had stolen nuclear secrets from US laboratories, were executed.

3. In recent years, many politicians have admitted the possibility of a local nuclear war, however, they do not indicate how to distinguish a local war from a full-scale one and who will do that.

4. The "golden billion" countries include the USA, Canada, the UK, Germany, France, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Japan, Denmark, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Australia.

5. A sacred war against infidels. A Muslim's refusal to participate in jihad amounts to one of the great sins which deserve death penalty.

6. Mohammad once called this way anyone who didn't follow him or accept him as the Prophet. So the Muslims consider all other monotheists as infidels.

7. The Islamic (lunar) calendar is an official calendar in some Muslim countries such as Pakistan, Bangladesh etc.; it is used to determine the dates for religious holidays. Years are counted from Hijrah (July 16, 622 AD), the day when Prophet Mohammad and the first Muslims moves from Mecca to Medina. The year consists of 12 lunar months and is equal to approximately 354 days. The day in the Muslim calendar begins at sunset rather than midnight as determined in the Gregorian calendar.

8. There is no exact figure reflecting the turnout of the Muslim voters.

9. France is still unable to "digest", or adapt, its giant, culturally different and hostile Islamic diaspora representing a mammoth financial burden for its taxpayers. And the UK, due to its disagreement with the migration policy of the European leaders, has declared its borders closed for migrants and tackled the problems related to separatist movements in Scotland and Wales.

10. In the 20th century, this genre transformed into the genre of "dystopia" which enables a writer to give forecasts regarding the evolution of society. One of the best-known authors employing this genre was Aldous Huxley whose predictions regarding the future of Western society have come real virtually in full.

11. This was repeatedly, with great anxiety, stated by spiritual leaders of the Christian world, including Patriarch Kirill. See *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, Feb. 21, 2016.

12. The authors of the original design were Isidore of Miletus and Anthemius of Tralles, the new dome was designed by Armenian architect Trdat.]

13. Any mosque built in a non-Muslim country will be deemed an "Allah-conquered land", and this is the indisputable truth for any Muslim.

14. Surah Mohammad, Verse 4: "When you meet those who disbelieve, smite their necks till when you have killed and wounded many of them". Or: "Believers! Fight those of

the infidels who are close to you; let them know your cruelty in you" (Surah Atonement, Verse 124).

15. The words by Donald Trump are treated in the USA as the basis for a new ideology, "Trumpism", which certainly has a lot of supporters and shows a trend for expansion.

16. But why do these prosperous companies refrain from setting up an outsourcing network where the head office stays in the country of incorporation whereas parts are produced and products are assembled abroad?

17. In this regard, the post-Soviet republics of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan etc. favorably differ from other Muslim countries. But the problem is whether their present, Soviet-educated leaders will retain their power, or they will be ousted by the rising Islamist groups?

18. A cruel medieval tradition according to which a woman must not get pleasure from sexual intercourse, because Islam considers such pleasure sinful.

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ПЕРВАЯ ПОЛОВИНА XXI СТОЛЕТИЯ: ИСЛАМСКИЙ ВЫЗОВ

Перед человечеством сегодня стоят две важнейшие проблемы: его чрезмерный численный рост и ухудшающаяся экология. При этом первая проблема ускоряет и усугубляет вторую.

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