

## FREEDOM OF SPEECH

A 'Right' carries 'Responsibility'. Very true. Freedom of Speech is a fundamental right just like freedom to practice any religion along with a number of other rights under a democratic constitution.

The caveat of responsibility applies equally to all freedoms granted. You cannot, for example drink under the right to consume alcohol and then jump in your car and go on a killing spree. If your lack of exercising due responsibility happens to kill me, that would impinge on my fundamental right to life; beside it being a criminal act under civil law. The punishment under the law justly meted out to you may balance your criminal act but does not restore my right; in this case my life.

The point is that having rights does not automatically include the right to define the responsibility. Neither, as in the recent case of the The Charlie Hebdo murders, does any freedom or right include the right to take the law into one's own hands.

How can sane people justify gunning down or decapitating people just because in their warped definition of 'responsibility' they feel their overly mollycoddled sensitivities have been bruised by those who dare to express their own right to opinion in a free society?

The right to an opinion also gives the right to reject opinions. I do not have to read or to agree with any article or opinion if it offends me or does not serve my purpose. I cannot force views down anyone's throat and by the same token, I do not have to agree with any radical or twisted dogma either. I just cannot go around killing people who do not see life through my lenses. There is a very simple principle in free society which is, if it is not your cup of tea, don't drink it!

The favorite view held amongst the sanctimonious moderates, pacifists and apologists is that the many groups who rely on terror and bloodshed to redress bruised egos and sensitivities and violently claim their 'rights' are a minority and that the entire community or faith they belong to should not be tarred with the same brush. Very liberal and politically correct view indeed, but the reality is that though all of the same faith may not be terrorists, at least not overtly; all terrorist groups are from one version or the other of the same faith.

Misinterpretation of religion or religious dogma is a disease not unlike a human cell behaving outside of the natural law and begins to grow as deadly cancer. What we are seeing is a rapidly spreading disease more deadly than cancer as it is both highly infectious and contagious.

It is foolish to believe that such a deadly disease of epidemic proportions can be contained through reason and dialogue, which is like trying to cure cancer with aspirin.

Those of the community who are not carriers of the disease get themselves labeled as “moderates” and sit on the fence doing nothing about their brethren who cause murderous havoc around the world in the name of their brand of “God”, who by right, must not be questioned or be opined upon. In effect these “moderates” are irrelevant to the problem. To quote from Dante’s ‘Paradise Lost’, “The darkest places in hell are reserved for those who maintain their neutrality in times of moral crises”.

What is usually done to contain serious disease, Ebola for example? Patients are quarantined in isolation wards till they are cleared of the virus. This is what the civilized world must do to these vermin. Isolate them, quarantine them in their own cesspools, deny them entry into any country where they do not wish to assimilate, abide by the law and constitution. Bar them from claiming state benefits that they enjoy in many host countries presently, having slithered in as beggars of asylum or on other compassionate grounds. They draw on the compassion and goodwill of the host countries and once in, demand as their right state support for their herd of wives and hordes of progeny that they bring forth to increase their numbers.

The demands gradually extend, as has been the case, to the “rights” to starting schools with their own radical syllabuses and places of worship, from where they disseminate their brand of twisted dogma and breed fresh batches of radicals to cause more mayhem in the world.

Here again the principle of not drinking from the cup of tea that is not yours applies. If the host country’s laws and ways of life do not suit, do not stay. There are a number of countries (49 at last count) that would be compatible to these oversensitive murderers who claim to hold monopoly on a God of their twisted imagination.

It is time the world including the moderates and apologists dumped political correctness in the bin and face realities.

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