## **Perceived Dimensions** of the 'Flood of Aqsa'

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The Palestinian Resistance "Flood of Aqsa" operation took everyone by surprise but the dimensions of the operation are even more surprising.

I intend to highlight and explain these dimensions one by one.

I: I start with what seems to me to be obvious - the outrageous and total non-existence, without exception, of the so-called international laws which claim to govern relations between people and nations globally.

Yes, I dare to claim in the light of what is happening in Gaza since October 7th 2023, given the total contempt that Israel shows to the whole world beginning with the United Nations and the UN Security Council, that the law of the strongest ALONE has always existed throughout the history of Humanity. This truth can no longer be dismissed as fanciful or ridiculous. Only fools and those whose interests are involved can deny it.

If this may appear to be true overall for the distant past, it is more relevant for both medieval and modern times.

We can go further.

Even in times when people governed in the NAME of God, in the Byzantium Age or in Western Christianity, in the Islamic world, in Baghdad, in Egypt, in Syria and especially during the time of the Turkish Empire, it is certain that God would not have rejoiced in what His so-called representatives ultimately did in His name! For me, I simply find that they were all, without exception, the worst torturers.

As for the era of endless genocides which marked the discovery of the American continent followed closely by the era of religious wars in Europe and then by the terrible colonial conquests undertaken by the countries of a self-proclaimed Christian Europe - one must have lost all notion of faith and integrity to dare claim that these eras in history had any claim to morality.

However, anyone reviewing the past and present history of Europe and the Arab world must apply the record of immorality and illegality to the policies that dictated and followed on from the 1917 Balfour Declaration until today November 24th 2023.

**II**: I now come to what seems to me to be the total failure of any possible coexistence between all religions, especially Christian and Jewish, and all States, except in certain periods – the Umayyad dynasty, the Abbasids and especially in Andalusia in past centuries and more recently in Lebanon and Syria. Such an assertion is far from exaggeration or unrelated to historical evidence.

Briefly, it suffices for me to recall the persecutory behaviour of the Synagogue first against Jesus, then against his disciples and faithful until 313. Sadly, this fateful date inaugurated an era of anti-evangelical persecution by the Church against the Jews throughout the Roman Empire in the fallacious hope of forcing them to convert to Christianity.

It is this latent persecution which subsequently generated this odious anti-Semitism, which ultimately poisoned the entire Western Church and its branches along with all nominally Christian European societies until the middle of the 20th Century.

Irreparable consequences: an absolutely irredeemable guilt complex within the Church and EU societies with regards to the Jews. This has resulted in unconditional and permanent support in favour of the Jews and consequently of the Zionists and the settler state of Israel despite all the horrors they have committed

during the 75 years since the "creation" of Israel in 1948. Horroris they continue to commit blatantly in the full view of the world right now - in Gaza and Occupied Palestine.

Further irremediable consequences at this time - an irrational, unhealthy global hatred of Christianity among Jewish people in the world, especially in Palestine and even hatred of all non-Jewish human beings - exploiting the weakness of the Arabs since the Zionist movement chose to make Palestine its national home.

And yet, it must be recognised that Islam alone, since its conquest of Damascus in 635, Jerusalem in 639, Egypt in 641, Andalusia between 711 and 1492, has therefore been able to create a coexistence with conquered peoples which has proven itself throughout history. For irrefutable proof one only needs to read Jewish and even Israeli historians such as Abba Eban, the French Rabbi Josy Eisenberg and the American historian Abram Leon Zachar. All this took place, despite the unequaled ardor experienced by Islam alone in all its past conquests.

Lasting proof of this exceptional coexistence, enabled by Islam, is underlined by the permanent presence of Christian Arabs - Jews also - in the Middle East until this day. There is also the prominent role played by these two faiths in collaboration with their Muslim compatriots on a cultural and political level. This led to the creation of powerful political parties which, in turn, engineered the Pan-Arabism movement, its aim to unite the entire Arab society and nations behind a single political movement.

Further evidence also, if necessary, is the legendary resistance demonstrated by Syria during the multiple fronts, demonic war planned since mid-March 2011 by no less than 140 countries led by the United States and Great Britain.

**III**: The third dimension to highlight can only be described as the subjugation of the universal consciousness to official or occult powers which dominate our world.

There is no shortage of examples for me. However, I will stick to just one, which is more than alarming. I present it from two complementary perspectives:

The first is when the very recent universal war was launched against Syria on March 15th 2011 - all the media, yes, all the media of the 140 allied countries attacked Syria endlessly for years, night and day, without interruption. Overnight Syria became the demonic nation to be destroyed.

Furthermore, it should not be permissible to forget about the hundreds of Ulemas "real" or "improvised" from the beginning to justify and facilitate the despatch of hundreds of thousands of alleged "Jihadists" recruited, trained, funded by both Arab and Muslim countries. Not forgetting all the EU countries, the US, Canada, Australia, Britain - I will stop myself there.

For the second perspective I will cite the Palestinian insurrection in Gaza on the 7th October. I don't think I am exaggerating when I say that without the Al Mayadeen channel and countless associates, reporters and stringers throughout the world, nobody would have been aware of the unspeakable horror that is taking place in Gaza since the 7th October.

Now everyone has realised that the so-called United Nations Charter is nothing less than an illusion as is the UN Security Council and countless other international organisations that are nothing more than instruments of power for the hegemony of this world.

Another consequence is that the Arab world and Muslim countries are reassessing their criteria for relations with the "Great Powers" and with this small but monstrous State of Israel which has been revealed to be the Master of the World.

Moreover, the colossal protests which have awakened the whole world in solidarity with Palestine, have completely torn the veil that many Arab and Muslim leaders use to disguise the normalisation of relations with Israel against the express will and wishes of their own people.

Yes, only the truth liberates us and this is a truth immersed in the blood of babies and mothers above all, a truth that has dismayed Israel and allies.

This is why I do not hesitate to finally declare - my heart as a priest of Jesus Christ, crushed with shame

by the silence and absence of his entire Church when it comes to this tragedy unfolding in Palestine, yes, I do not hesitate to say that the "Aqsa Flood" will herald the beginning of numerous and decisive changes which will have repercussions for the future of our whole world. Similar to the changes two thousand years ago that took place in Palestine itself.

**IV**: Finally, the Arab world. Here, strictly speaking, it would be timely to appeal to a fundamental truth, a constitutional truth. It is true that this world is geographically immense with inexhaustible potential both on a human level and in terms of resources. It is useless, speaking honestly, to expect anything from foreign powers whether it is the EU or American West, Far East China, Russia or Iran or the very last - Israel which obviously seems the most dangerous in terms of its innumerable media, political, logistical, scientific, security influences globally and within the US itself.

Without rejecting any possible alliance with one or other of the Axes which propose to liberate the whole world from the dehumanising influence of the US with respect for Planet Earth and the sovereignty of each individual state - it is up to us to search for, courageously and methodically, deep within ourselves, that which constitutes our truly human identity, especially on the cultural and political levels.

Already, the Arabic language, the Koran is the heart and the jewel, is the spiritual, human and social bridge capable of connecting all the cells of this vast world. The human and spiritual affinity which deeply marks the human fabric of this apparently heterogeneous world, is a basic element that must be taken into account at all costs, for any decisive strategy.

There is also the historical fact of prime importance, one which has marked the general evolution of the history of peoples and religions within Muslim societies, unlike Western societies - the undeniable and truly brilliant aspect of RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE, which peaked in Andalusia until 1942 and also blossomed from a cultural and political perspective in Greater Syria from the mid 19th Century until the present day.

This is why I would like to conclude this approach by recalling the importance of the pivotal role that Greater Syria can play in these precise times and for this vital project, beyond the existing political paradigm, as the spiritual and cultural heart of the Arab world inclusive of all religions.

In short, it is about INVENTING a new way of feeling, thinking, living, acting, even praying, with a view to a project that is not only viable, but indeed vital and vitalizing for all, in respect of Freedoms, as well as personal choices, in terms of political and religious life, at risk of a slow but sure death!

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