

Greetings from Tyler,

There are a number of battles underway for the future of the United States. One is in Arizona where the [federal government has sued the governor](#) and the State over enforcement of immigration laws. As various discussions are aired on the issue of people being called upon to “show their papers” indicating they have a legal right to be there, you might wonder what all the fuss is about. Anybody who gets stopped for a traffic infraction is going to be asked to produce a driver’s license and insurance, regardless of skin color, right? Experience would indicate that anyone having no identification would automatically come under suspicion of the authorities.

They would logically suspect that maybe you’re a criminal who doesn’t want your identity known, you have something to hide, or maybe you’re in the country illegally. Surely that wouldn’t apply only to people of Hispanic decent. Wouldn’t it apply to people of European, Asian, Middle Eastern or any other origin? How this thing has become couched as “racial discrimination” is hard to figure, but the whole thing is being treated that way as if Arizona (*and 70% of its population in support of law enforcement dealing with crime and kidnapping*) would intentionally engage in abuse against people of Hispanic descent.

When we visited Arizona a few months ago, I got pulled over by a local policeman for exceeding the speed limit (*35 in a 25 zone*). The policeman was Hispanic. He asked me for my license and insurance and went back to his car for a few minutes before returning to hand back my “papers” and told me to have a good evening. No ticket, no warning, nothing. Am I to assume I’d been racially profiled? If I had failed to produce any ID, it’s logical to assume they’d have detained me long enough to find out who I was and where I’d come from. Isn’t that what’s expected of police everywhere? It’s beginning to look as though racial issues are being exploited in ways that turn people of different backgrounds into enemies and that can only lead to trouble in the streets.

Another ongoing standoff is the government’s determination to [halt offshore oil production](#) at the cost of tens of thousands of jobs, and ultimately a drop in supply and increase in prices to consumers. By this line of reasoning, all cars should be banned from the highways in the event of an accident. All planes should be grounded in the event of a crash. As in the Arizona case, we’ll have to wait for rulings and appeals, possibly clear up to the Supreme Court. But there was some good news this week. Crews on boats participating in the clean up efforts report that they’re having a hard time locating oil slicks, in some cases coming up empty after extensive searching. Hopefully that’s a good sign, and nature is doing its part to break down and disperse the rest of it. A little research will reveal [that oil seepage is a natural phenomenon that has been going on since long before environmentalists started “saving the planet.”](#)

[And then there is the plan to build a mega-mosque right at the scene of the most deadly, destructive terror attack against the United States.](#) If that’s not an abomination of the highest order and the ultimate insult to the dead and their surviving families, then what could be? This is what has been done every time Muslims have conquered a nation throughout history. In Jerusalem, in Turkey, in Spain, they’ve built huge mosques on the most visible, historical sites which they then begin to treat as their own sovereign territory, where national laws can never be applied. It will be an outrage, a capitulation, desecration and sacrilege if this is allowed to happen at the scene of the World Trade towers.

Britain has allowed radical and violent Muslims to gain such a foothold that the character of the country has undergone a major change. Wherever you look in the news that comes from Europe you’ll see that there are [serious problems with Muslim populations](#) that intend to make their neighborhoods sovereign territory ruled under Sharia law and impervious to the laws of the host

nations. As was pointed out last week, many of the nations of Europe are finally beginning to try to deal with situations that have spiraled out of control. But we've known for years that the culmination of prophetic events will come down to the age old battles of race and religion in the Middle East with eventual European intervention.

And what of the United States? It's becoming clearer by the day why it won't be in any position to be a factor.

The GTA telecast this week brought in 389 requests with one hundred sixty five first time contacts. Next week we are scheduled to be in the Detroit area where I'll be sharing speaking duties with Mr. Jim Josephsen from Chicago. The meeting was arranged by Gary Johnson for Canton, Michigan at a Holiday Inn Express. For any of you within striking distance, we'd love to see you.

In the mean time, have a great Sabbath and we'll be in touch next week.

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