

Why the Odds Favour Islam
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On May 22, an Islamic suicide bomber detonated himself outside a Pop Concert in Manchester England, killing and wounding dozens, many of them young children.

The terrorist was a 22 year old named Salaman Abdie. A few days after the attack, I was reading an article about the Mosque he attended - the Didsbury Mosque. "That's funny," I thought looking at the accompanying photo "that doesn't look like a Mosque, it looks like a Church."

Sure enough, as I discovered, the Didsbury Moeque was once the Albert Park Methodist Chapel. It had been bought by the local Syrian Muslim community and transformed into a Muslim place of worship.

Similar transformations have been taking place in other parts of the UK. St. Mark's Church in London is now the 'New Peckham Mosque, St. Peter's Church in Cobridge was sold.: to the Madina Mosque. 'The Brick' Lane Mosque in London was. originally a Methodist church. But church to mosque conversions are only part of a larger story There are now 423 mosques in London, and the number is expected to grow. Meanwhile, 500 London churches have closed since 2001, and in all of England 10,000 churches have closed since 1960.

The transformation of the Albert . Park Methodist Church to the Didsbury Mosque' is emblematic of one of the most significant shifts in history: the transformation. of Europe from a largely Christian continent to a largely . Islamic one.

The transformation is far from complete, and there's an outside chance the process can be reversed, but time and demographics favour Islam

In several of Europe's cities, the Muslim population now hovers around the thirty percent mark. In ten years' time, that will be forty per cent. Of course that doesn't mean 40 percent of highly committed Muslims facing 60 percent of deeply devout, Christians. Both faiths have" their share of half-hearted "nominal's" for whom religion is more a cultural inheritance than a deeply held conviction. Still, the "nominal" problem' is a much greater problem for European Christians than for European Muslims.

In many European countries, Sunday, church attendance is the 5-10 percent range whereas mosque attendance is very high in relation to the size of the Muslim population. In England, there are already more Muslims attending Friday prayers than there are Christians attending Anglican services on Sundays. A study by Christian research

predicts that by 2020 the number of Muslims attending prayer service in England and Wales will exceed the number of Catholics attending weekly Mass.....

"If there is no God," wrote Dostoevsky, "everything is permitted." Secularism has no God and therefore, no ultimate standard of judgement.

The end result is that each man becomes his own god and does his own thing - even if that "thing" involves the exploitation of childhood innocence. Islam, on the other hand, does believe in God, but not the God Dostoevsky had in mind. The God of Islam is an arbitrary despot whose commands are not rooted in reason, love, or justice.

So we have two arbitrary systems vying for control of the West—the soft totalitarianism of secularism and the hard totalitarianism of Islam. Both are really forms of slavery. Muslims are slaves of a tyrannical god, and secular man becomes the slave of his own desires and addictions. It may seem unthinkable that the West will ever submit to Islam, but many Western citizens are already in submission mode. Submission to their desires has put them in a bad spot. As a result, they are looking for something bigger to submit to—something, outside and above their own - fragile selves. Some have already turned to Islam. Many more will unless...

Unless, that is, there is a recovery of the Judeo- Christian belief that God is a God of love, justice, reason, and goodness—and that we are made in his image (a concept which does not exist in Islam). In the context of that vision, belief in human dignity and the rights of man is thoroughly justified.

People who believe that they and their neighbour are made in the image of God will generally have a strong sense of their responsibility to act accordingly. Such people will be far from perfect, but they will at least realize that it is wrong to submit both to Islam's warped image of God and to secularism's degraded image of man.

In the end, the choice for the West is not between Islam and pluralistic secularism. A rootless secularism will almost certainly submit to Islam. The only real hope for the West is the recovery of the faith that once inspired Christians to build a beautiful church near "Albert Park in West Didsbury, England. *"In the first place."*



This mosque at Brassall once used to be an Anglican Church. If we Christians no longer fill our churches, will we be selling them all to the Muslims?