
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES



*Omar Mateen
(taken day before shooting)*

MUSLIM SLAUGHTERS ATTENDEES OF A “GAY BAR”

On Sunday, June 12, Omar Mateen slaughtered 49 and wounded 53 in an attack at a “gay bar” in Orlando, Florida. Following are some facts about this case: The Pulse nightclub is advertised as “Orlando’s hottest gay bar,” promising patrons “an unforgettable night of fun and fantasy.” Mateen had been known to attend the bar and had a profile on a “gay dating” app. Mateen is the son of Muslim immigrants from Afghanistan. His father has a YouTube channel supporting the Taliban. According to Pew Research, 99% of Afghan Muslims support Sharia law. Nearly 30,000 of them were permanently resettled in the U.S. between 2001 and 2013. More than 91% of recent Middle East immigrants in the U.S. are on food stamps and nearly 70% are on cash welfare. Mateen attended the Islamic Center of Fort Pierce for more than 13 years. He travelled to Saudi Arabia twice on Islamic pilgrimages and took an online course from the Fundamental Islamic Knowledge, a group that promotes terrorism. He was investigated by the FBI in 2013 and again in 2014. A former classmate said Mateen celebrated the destruction of the Twin Towers on 9/11. In telephone conversations with Orlando law enforcement during the assault, Mateen made a “pledge of allegiance to ISIS.” The Islamic State’s Jihadist radio claimed Mateen as “one of our soldiers of the caliphate in America.” An FBI source said that Mateen called the agency before the attack and claimed to be a follower of IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. Mateen’s wife said he had scoped out Disney World as a possible target. In March,

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WOMEN BURNED ALIVE IN MUSLIM “HONOR KILLINGS”

The following is excerpted from “Lahore woman torches teenage daughter,” *Dawn*, June 8, 2016: “A woman set her daughter to fire for marrying the man of her choice here on Wednesday, police said. The 18-year-old girl died on the spot. The victim, a resident of Mast Iqbal Road, had eloped with a man she liked and who her family disapproved of, said Station House Officer (SHO) Sheikh Hammad Akhtar. Two days before the incident, the family coaxed the deceased to come back home on the pretext that they will send her off with their consent. However, when once she returned, her mother doused her with petrol and set her alight. ... Earlier this month, a 19-year-old school teacher was set on fire in Murree for refusing

to marry a man twice her age. Last month, police arrested 13 members of a local tribal council who allegedly strangled a local girl and set her body on fire for helping one of her friends elope. The charred body of 17-year-old Ambreen Riasat was found in a burned van in the tourist resort of Donga Gali on April 29. Nearly 1,000 women are killed each year in Pakistan in so-called ‘honour killings’ for allegedly violating conservative norms on love and marriage.” Meanwhile, the Taliban in Afghanistan ripped out a man’s eyes and skinned him alive in retaliation for the death of one of its commanders at the hands of a distant relative of the victim (“A young man is skinned alive,” *Washington Post*, June 11, 2016).

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Sheikh Farrokh Sekaleshfar, an expert on Shariah or Islamic law, spoke at the Husseini Islamic Center of Sanford, Florida, near Orlando, on "How to Deal with the Phenomenon of Homosexuality." He said, "We know there's nothing to be embarrassed about this, death is the sentence. We have to have that compassion for people. With homosexuals, it's the same. Out of compassion, let's get rid of them now" ("The United West," *Breitbart*, Apr. 6, 2016). Both Sekaleshfar and the Husseini Center have tried to distance themselves from these remarks since the shooting. But Abu al-Ayna al-Ansari, a senior official in the Gaza Strip, told NewsTalk 990 AM in Philadelphia the night of the Orlando attack, "When the Islamic State throws gays from the roofs, it is not a sanction that they decided upon. This is our Sharia." The Pulse bar was a "gun free zone." Mateen purchased his guns legally and was compliant with all gun laws. In fact, he was registered with the Florida Department of Agriculture as a private security officer with a Class G firearm license and a concealed carry permit, having completed 68 hours of training, multiple criminal background checks and medical examinations. Mateen's shooting spree was stopped when he was killed by men wielding guns. The One World Trade Center building in New York and the Eiffel Tower in Paris were lit in rainbow "pride" colors to honor the dead.

STAY-AT-HOME MOMS MOST SATISFIED



A large survey by *Redbook* magazine finds that 90% of stay-at-home moms are happy, the largest percentage of any profession. The survey, called *Mom Gig*, found that 34% are happy, whereas 56% are either "very" or "extremely" happy. The happiest are moms with four or more children. More than 60% of stay-at-home moms contribute to the household income, with 25% running a home business. "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. ... She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all" (Proverbs 31:10-12, 27-29).

BAPTISTS AND EVANGELICALS SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF A MOSQUE

Baptists and evangelicals have joined hands with Muslims to support the building of a mosque. After the planning board of Basking Ridge, New Jersey, denied a building permit for the mosque last December, the Muslims filed a federal lawsuit. They are joined by two agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention (the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission and the International Mission Board), plus the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty and the National Association of Evangelicals. According to the *New York Times*, “A leading opponent of the mosque project, who has said that Islamic Shariah law is ‘one of the greatest threats to American values and liberties,’ led a relentless campaign of challenges to virtually every aspect of the project” (“Muslims Sue,” *New York Times*, Mar. 10, 2016). Brent Walker of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty says that this is a simple issue of religious liberty. “We really felt it was important to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our Muslim brothers and sisters” (“Baptists join diverse faith groups to support mosque-building effort,”

Baptist News, May 26, 2016). The “leading opponent” previously cited is correct. Islam is not just “another religion.” It aspires to world dominion, and its mosques are outposts for this dominion. According to Islam, the world is divided into *Dar al-Harb* (the world of war or the non-Islamic people) and *Dar al-Islam* (the world of peace or the Muslim world). “The presumption is that the duty of jihad will continue, interrupted only by truces, until all the world either adopts the Muslim faith or subjects to the Muslim rule” (Gene Gerganus, *Peril of Islam: Telling the Truth*, pp. 59, 60). According to Islam, humanity is divided into those who accept Muhammad as the prophet of Allah and those who do not. Those who do not are the Kafirs (pronounced kā'-fir). *Kafir* is the word that is used in the Quran, and it is a strong word. It is the word for Allah's enemies. It is the word for those who resist the truth of Islam. Kafirs are unclean, evil, cursed, ignorant liars, and partners of Satan. (See *The Bible and Islam*, which is available in print and as a free eBook from Way of Life Literature.)



RADICAL ECUMENISM AND ONE-WORLD CHURCH ON DISPLAY AT UPCOMING WASHINGTON D.C. EVENT

The “Together 2016” event scheduled for Washington, D.C., in July, will display the extreme ecumenism and one-world church philosophy of contemporary worship music. Pope Francis will deliver a video message to the crowd. He will be joined by Hillsong United, Kari Jobe, David Crowder, Kirk Franklin, Jeremy Camp, Lacrae, Michael W. Smith, Passion, Casting Crowns, and Matt Maher (Catholic CCM artist). Bible-believing churches that use and adapt contemporary worship music are foolishly building bridges to this most dangerous spiritual world in direct disobedience to God's Word. “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (1 Corinthians 15:33). (For more on this see *The Transformational Power of Contemporary Praise Music*, available on DVD or as a free eVideo download from www.wayoflife.org.)

FASTEST JAWS IN THE WORLD

The following is from CreationMoments.com, May 20, 2016: “If an octopus thinks you have found him in his lair, he will squirt ink in your face and hope, in your surprise, you don’t see him fleeing. On the other hand, challenge a bull, and you will have more fight on your hands than you want. Other creatures will evaluate the situation to determine whether fight or flight is the best response. The trap-jaw ant has a unique approach to this problem of fight or flight. He can fight, flee or do both at the same time with the same movement. The ant has a unique mandible. It is this jaw that is the secret of the ant’s response to a challenge. If the ant faces a threat and decides to attack, it will strike at the threat with its mandibles and in the movement propel itself up to nine inches from the threat almost simultaneously. If the ant decides to flee, it simply does so by snapping its jaws shut against the ground on which it stands. Its jaw snaps closed at the speed of over 136 miles per hour. While it is sometimes necessary to protect ourselves from earthly dangers through fight or flight, neither of these will work for the spiritual dangers we face. For those we must trust the strong arm of our risen Savior.”



DE TOCQUEVILLE’S PROPHECY



“Society will develop a new kind of servitude which covers the surface of society with a network of complicated rules, through which the most original minds and the most energetic characters cannot penetrate. It does not tyrannise but it compresses, enervates, extinguishes, and stupefies a people, till each nation is reduced to nothing better than a flock of timid and industrious animals, of which the government is the shepherd” (Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, 1835).

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