

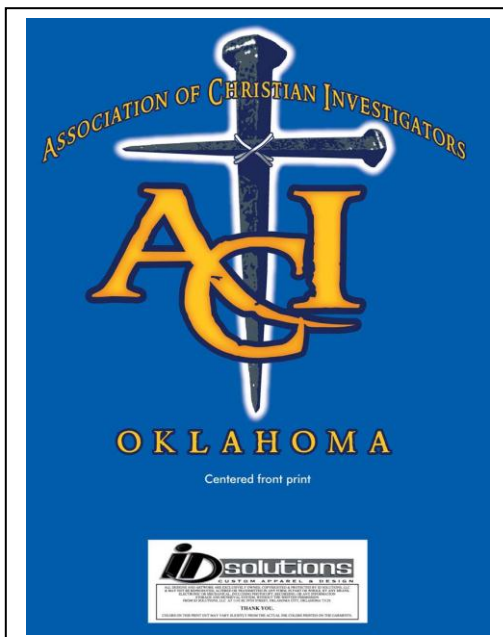


Newsletter for the Christian PI

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While the economy has been bad for some, it is part of the evolution of business. Just like in nature, trees and wildlife are required to rely on inner strength built during the years of plenty to survive times of drought. It is during those times that we as Christians have to remember that we are "in" the world but not "of" the world and that we operate in God's economy. Regardless of what the media's message is today, we can count on the fact that God has always supplied for his people. It is a common trait for people to get a little lazy during times of plenty. When things are slower, it is the perfect opportunity to shore up business fundamentals, re-group and use the time to market for more clients. God will honor your work and your effort but it is hard to push a parked car. Rely on your God-given talents, look forward and not behind and make this the best year you have every had!

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You now have the opportunity to advertise your involvement with ACI through this newly created design. Available in blue and in all sizes for \$20 each.

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SUBCONTRACTING

SUBCONTRACTING – FORTUNE OR CURSE?

By Kelly E. Riddle

For most private investigators, sub-contracting assignments is like stepping off into the proverbial black hole. Many have had bad experiences, while some have never sub-contracted to other PI's and instead simply turn away the client. There are several points-of-view that frame the idea of subcontracting, one being "the best thing I can do for my client is to pass them on to a PI who will do a good job." Another viewpoint often found circulating includes, "I hate to subcontract. The last guy I sent a client to ended up stealing the client from me." Let's face it, we are a world economy and to play in the game, your clients expect you to be able to help them where ever the assignment may be geographically located.

To get down to the basics of business, sub-contracting is a practical method to help your clients while adding additional income into your pocket. You spend a lot of time, effort and resources cultivating and marketing clients so why would you simply hand them over to someone else? Your client called YOU because you have built a rapport with them and have gained their trust. This is often where skeptics jump in and say, "exactly, I don't want to be blamed if something goes wrong with the case when I refer them to another PI." In the unlikely event that does occur, you stand to loose anyway because you gave them the referral and they trusted your judgment and contacts. If you simply told your client you are not comfortable making referrals, they will be disappointed and may feel like you threw them to the wolves by having to go out and find a PI on their own. Marketing is an intricate part of any successful business. Whether by word of mouth, media advertising or other avenues, you have achieved your client list. You should therefore watch over your clients like a mother hen waiting on the egg to hatch. I have a good friend that is a claims adjuster for a large insurance company. He will often call me up and tell me that he had four or five PI's market him in a single day. Why leave the door open for another to step in and side-swipe a client from you?



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Unfortunately, not all PIs subscribe to the proper etiquette of subcontracting fundamentals. When calling other investigators to arrange to subcontract, I often state right up front that my advertised hourly rate is \$80 and follow that with “but we always cut our rate for other PIs to \$50 an hour. I hope you will extend the same courtesy so that we can all make some money.” I have had many investigators laugh and respond that they charge \$125 an hour and aren’t about to discount their rates. Usually they follow that up with “I would rather not work at all as to work for \$50 an hour.” Most likely this is the case – they aren’t working. If you are in the industry to operate a successful business, this is a short-sided view. You may be a semi-retired investigator and this view may fit your lifestyle better. A good sales person knows that taking a smaller portion of a large volume of deals is often more lucrative than waiting on the one large score. Statistics vary to some degree, however, based on numerous polls by trade associations, somewhere between 70% – 83% of investigative agencies are one or two person operations. The obvious question is why? Does the majority not want to grow any larger or are they still navigating the path to more business? A common practice within the industry is to have part-time investigators that you can call upon when you have an overflow of business. If you are the principal of the business, it truly may not pay for you personally to work at a lower hourly rate. It may, however, be a good opportunity to assign the case to one of these other investigators. You give them much appreciated work and you can still take a portion of the hourly rate billed to the client.

Another fundamental of subcontracting etiquette is the “turn-about is fair play” concept. If you call an investigator who agrees to work a case for you and they cut their rate, expect to do the same in return. Realistically, this is a great avenue of marketing. Once other investigators understand you can be trusted to not steal their client and you will provide a professional discount, you will be their point of contact for case assignments in your area. When working for other investigators, you should also provide a “Vendor Agreement” that details what you expect as part of the agreement and often includes:

- The hourly rate, mileage and other expenses agreed upon
- When the case is to be initiated and any deadlines for completion
- Method of supplying updates and reports
- Special instructions or circumstances
- Instructions pertaining to a “no contact” with client clause. Typically, your client should receive updates from you, not the subcontracted PI
- Obtain copies of the PI’s license and insurance

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In some cases, the investigator in the field is asked to communicate directly with your client. In these cases, the investigator should never indicate that they work for anyone other than you and should not use this as a time to market your client. This is generally not a problem, but once your client has a direct number for the other PI, they may feel that it is appropriate to call them directly with any additional assignments. Again, the proper etiquette is for the investigator to simply take the information and then turn around and call the original PI. All cases pertaining to the particular client should go through the originating investigative agency, no exception. Of course, the originating agency should also advise their client that all assignments must originate in their corporate office to insure proper file handling and billing.



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Once the investigation is completed, the investigator should email you the final report followed with a hard copy. The emailed report allows you to cut and paste into your report format that your client has become accustomed to seeing and understands more readily. This brings you to the next topic of sales tax. In most instances, the investigator doing the actual case needs to provide a resellers certificate to the original PI agency, thus alleviating the need to charge the originating PI sales tax since it is their responsibility to charge and collect this from the ultimate client.

So what about those times when something goes wrong? Although unlikely, a client may become disillusioned with the investigation. Often this is because the end results were not what they had anticipated. When this occurs, whether you subcontracted the case or not, all you can do is try to work through it and resolve the issue. The process of investigations is not a mathematical problem where you can add $A + B$ and get C . They used a PI because the information could not be obtained any other way and although everyone involved may try their best attempts, it just didn't turn out to the client's satisfaction. Resolve it the best you can like you would one of your regular cases that you didn't subcontract.

How do you go about finding other PI's to subcontract work? Look to state associations and their websites as a starter. Many allow you to type in geographic areas and specialized types of investigations to find those adept at the services you require. Call, talk and agree. It is better to make \$10 - \$30 an hour on work you don't have to do than to not make any money at all.

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APOSTLES

I have never seen it all in one place like this. I found it to be interesting.

DO YOU KNOW HOW THE APOSTLES DIED?

1



Matthew

Suffered martyrdom in
Ethiopia ,
killed by a sword wound.

2



Mark

Died in Alexandria , Egypt , after being dragged by
horses through the streets until he was dead.

3



Luke

Was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous
preaching to the lost.

4



John

Faced martyrdom when he was boiled in huge basin of
boiling oil during a wave of persecution in Rome ...

However, he was miraculously delivered from death. John was then
sentenced to the mines on the prison island of Patmos ..

He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos . The apostle John was later freed
and returned to serve as Bishop of Edessa in modern Turkey . He died as an old man,
the only apostle to die peacefully.

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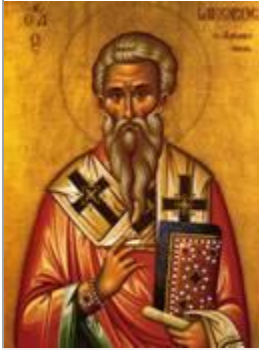


Peter

He was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross.

According to church tradition it was because he told his
tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.

6



James

Just The leader of the church in Jerusalem, was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club.

* This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the Temptation.

7



James the Great

Son of Zebedee, was a fisherman by trade when Jesus called him to a lifetime of ministry. As a strong leader of the church, James was ultimately beheaded at Jerusalem ..

The Roman officer who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his faith at his trial. Later, the officer walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new faith to the judge and knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian

8



Bartholomew

Also known as Nathaniel Was a missionary to Asia ...

He witnessed for our Lord in present day Turkey ...

Bartholomew was martyred for his preaching in Armenia where he was flayed to death by a whip.

9



Andrew

Was crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patras , Greece ..

After being whipped severely by seven soldiers they tied his body to the cross with cords to prolong his agony. His followers reported that, when he was led toward the cross, Andrew saluted it in these words: 'I have long desired and expected this happy hour.

The cross has been consecrated by the body of Christ hanging on it.' He continued to preach to his tormentors for two days until he expired.

10



Thomas

Was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the sub-continent

11



Jude

Was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.

12



Matthias

The apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot, was stoned and then beheaded.

13



Paul

Was tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero at Rome in A.D. 67. Paul endured a lengthy imprisonment, which allowed him to write his many epistles to the churches he had formed throughout the Roman Empire. These letters, which taught many of the foundational doctrines of Christianity, form a large portion of the New Testament.

**Perhaps this is a reminder to us that our sufferings here are
indeed minor compared
to the intense persecution and cold cruelty faced by the apostles
disciples
during their times for the sake of the Faith. And ye shall be hated
of all men for my name's sake:**

But he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Matthew 10:22

And we are reluctant to witness to anyone at all in what is supposed to be the most free nation on earth, DM.

MOVIE: COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Every American should see this. The man who made the film, Curtis Bowers, is a former Idaho legislator. He has put together the most comprehensive thing I have seen so far that documents the Communist movement in this country. It is real and has been going on since the 1950's. If any of you have children or grandchildren in school you will want to see this. I saw it on Amazon.com for \$16.99. In my opinion it is well worth that.

This morning as I was contemplating sending this to everyone, I sat down to do my bible reading and opened the bible to Amos 3:7. I don't think it was a coincidence.

Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secrets to His servants the prophets.

<http://www.movieguide.org/reviews/movie/agenda-grinding-america-down.html>

Friends, America has got to gather up some courage to fight.

EVERY ROAD

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guide my steps and take control;
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LORD, I give You all my past,
find me holding nothing back;
Cleanse me, make me free at last,
LORD, I give you all my past.

LORD, I give You every storm,
when my spirit's weak and worn,
Give me grace to trust You more,
LORD, I give You every storm.

LORD, I give You all I am,
all my dreams and all my plans,
Now I place them in Your hands.
LORD, I give You all I am,
'Til this journey leads me home,

LORD, I give You every road.

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At all times, but especially during this time of recession, it is important to pray and fast for each other's businesses. The Business Leaders in Covenant is designed to help each of us stand strong through unity while remembering that we operate in God's economy, not the world's economy. We also pray and fast for our nation, the strength of our economy and our currency. We would encourage you to visit www.BusinessLic.com and join this free organization.

SCIENTIFIC DEATH OF JESUS

"Don't ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to move your feet."
60 seconds with God...

For the next 60 seconds, set aside whatever

you're doing and take this opportunity!
Let's see if Satan can stop this.

THE (SCIENTIFIC) DEATH OF JESUS

At the age of 33, Jesus was condemned to the death penalty.

At the time crucifixion was the "worst" death. Only the worst criminals condemned to be crucified. Yet it was even more dreadful for Jesus, unlike other criminals condemned to death by crucifixion Jesus was to be nailed to the cross by His hands and feet.
Each nail was 6 to 8 inches long.

The nails were driven into His wrist. Not into His palms as is commonly portrayed. There's a tendon in the wrist that extends to the shoulder. The Roman guards knew that when the nails were being hammered into the wrist that tendon would tear and
break, forcing Jesus to use His back muscles to support himself so that He could breathe.

Both of His feet were nailed together. Thus He was forced to support Himself on the single nail that impaled His feet to the cross. Jesus could not support himself with His legs because of the pain so He was forced to alternate between arching His back then using his legs just to continue to breathe. Imagine the struggle, the pain, the suffering, the courage.

Jesus endured this reality for over 3 hours.

Yes, over 3 hours! Can you imagine this kind of suffering? A few minutes before He died, Jesus stopped bleeding. He was simply pouring water from his wounds.

From common images we see wounds to His hands and feet and even the spear wound to His side. But do we realize His wounds were actually made in his body. A hammer driving large nails through the wrist, the feet overlapped and an even large nail hammered through the arches, then a Roman guard piercing His side with a spear. But before the nails and the spear Jesus was whipped and beaten. The whipping was so severe that it tore the flesh from His body. The beating so horrific that His face was torn and his beard ripped from His face. The crown of thorns cut deeply into His scalp. Most men would not have survived this torture.

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He had no more blood to bleed out, only water poured from His wounds. The human adult body contains about 3.5 liters (just less than a gallon) of blood.

Jesus

poured all 3.5 liters of his blood; He had three nails hammered into His members; a crown of thorns on His head and, beyond that, a Roman soldier who stabbed a spear into His chest..

All these without mentioning the humiliation He passed after carrying His own cross for almost 2 kilometers, while the crowd spat in his face and threw stones (the cross was almost 30 kg of weight, only for its higher part, where His hands were nailed).

Jesus had to endure this experience, so that you can have free access to God.

So that your sins could be "washed" away.
All of them, with no exception!

Don't ignore this situation.

JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU!

For you, who now read this e-mail. Do not believe that He only died for others (those who go to church or for pastors, bishops, etc).

He died for you! It is easy to pass jokes or foolish photos by e-mail, but when it comes to God, sometimes you feel ashamed to forward to others because you are worried of what they may think about you.

Accept the reality, the truth that **JESUS IS THE ONLY SALVATION FOR THE WORLD.**

God has plans for you, show all your friends what He experienced to save you. Now think about this! May God bless your life!

60 seconds with God...

For the next 60 seconds, set aside what you're doing and take this opportunity! Let's see if Satan can stop this.

All you have to do is:

Simply pray for the person who sent this message to you:

Take a moment to appreciate the power of God in your life, for doing what pleases Him.

If you are not ashamed to do this, please, follow Jesus' instructions. He said (Matthew 10:32 & 33): "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before My Father in heaven; but whosoever denies Me before others, I also will deny before My Father in heaven".

If you believe, send this message. But send it only if you believe in Christ Jesus is your Lord and Savior.

Yes, I love God. He is my source of life and my Savior. He keeps me alive day and night.

Without Him, I am nothing, but with Him "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me". Philippians 4:13.

This is the simple proof. If you love God and you are a believer and trust in salvation through Christ Jesus, send this to all those you love.







http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2011/05/a_warning_to_america_geert_wil.html

A Warning to America: Geert Wilders in Nashville, Tennessee 5/12/11

Andrew G. Bostom

Dutch Parliamentarian Geert Wilders gave a speech last evening in Nashville at the Cornerstone Church, reproduced, below.

James Freeman Clarke (1810-1888), was an American theologian, philosopher, author, and abolitionist. He also became one of the first American scholars to study and write about Eastern religions, including, notably, Islam. Freeman Clarke's 1883 *Ten Great Religions*, includes this remarkably compendious assessment of Islam, a most fitting introduction to Wilders speech:

The religion of Mohammed is the exact opposite to that of Greece. If the Greek faith was inspired by humanity, variety, and freedom, that of Islam taught unity, submission, and the absolute sovereignty of one God. Every Mohammedan was the servant of the one true God, and his mission was to convert the world to Allah and to his prophet.

Islam saw God, but not man; saw the claims of deity, not the rights of humanity; saw authority, failed to see freedom, "therefore hardened into despotism."

Speech by Geert Wilders, Cornerstone Church, Nashville, 12 May 2011

Dear friends from Tennessee. I am very happy to be in your midst today. I am happy and proud to be in this impressive church.

My friends, I am here to speak words of truth and freedom.

Do you know why America is in a better state than Europe? Because you enjoy more freedom than Europeans.

And do you know why Americans enjoy more freedom than Europeans? Because you are still allowed to tell the truth.

In Europe and Canada people are dragged to court for telling the truth about islam.

I, too, have been dragged to court. I am an elected member of the house of representatives in the Netherlands. I am currently standing in court like a common criminal for saying that islam is a dangerous totalitarian ideology rather than a religion.

The court case is still pending, but I risk a jail sentence of 16 months.

Last week, my friend Lars Hedegaard, a journalist from Denmark, was fined because in a private

Islam is spreading like wildfire wherever people lack the guts to say that their values are better than the Islamic values.

Islam is spreading like wildfire because the Koran explicitly tells Muslims that they are "the best of peoples ever raised up for mankind" and that non-Muslims are "the worst of creatures."

Islam is spreading like wildfire everywhere in the West where political, academic, cultural and media elites lack the guts to proudly proclaim, as I believe we all should proclaim:

Our Judeo-Christian Western culture is far better and far superior to the Islamic culture. We must be proud to say so!

Multiculturalism is a disaster. Almost everyone acknowledges this today, but few dare say why. Let me tell you why: Multiculturalism made us tolerate the intolerant, and now intolerance is annihilating tolerance.

We should, in the name of tolerance, claim the right not to tolerate the intolerant. Let us no longer be afraid and politically correct, let us be brave and bold. Let us tell the truth about Islam.

Before I continue I want to make clear that I do not have a problem with people. I always make a distinction between the people and the ideology, between Muslims and Islam.

Indeed, I have no problems with Muslims, but I do have a problem with the totalitarian Islamic ideology of hate and violence. The fact that there are many so-called moderate Muslims, does not imply that there exists a moderate Islam. A moderate Islam does not exist and will never exist.

And because there is no such thing as a moderate Islam, the Islamization of our free Western societies is an enormous danger.

Only two weeks ago, the British press revealed how the so-called London Taliban is threatening to kill women who do not wear veils in the London borough of Tower Hamlets.

In some neighbourhoods Islamic regulations are already being enforced, also on non-Muslims. Women's rights are being trampled. We are confronted with headscarves and burqas, polygamy, female genital mutilation, honor-killings where men murder their wives, daughters or sisters because they do not behave in accordance with Islamic rules.

Polls show that the influence of those Muslims who live according to Islam's aggressive requirements is growing, especially among young people.

Among 15-year-old German Muslims, 40 percent consider Islam more important than democracy.

Among Muslim university students in Britain, 40 percent support Sharia. One in three of those students considers it legitimate to kill in the name of Islam.

Christians are asked to follow the example of Jesus. Muslims are ordered to follow the example of Muhammad. That is why Islam is dangerous. While Christianity preaches love, Islam preaches hatred and practices violence. Hatred and violence for everyone who is not a Muslim.

Muhammad personally participated in the ethnic cleansing of Medina, where half the population once was Jewish. Muhammad helped to chop off their heads. On his deathbed, he ordered his followers to cleanse Arabia of all Jews and Christians.

To this very day, Christian symbols are prohibited in Saudi Arabia. If you wear a cross in Saudi Arabia, they sent you to jail.

Rivers of tears are flowing from the Middle East, where there is only one safe haven for Christians. You know where that is. The only place in the Middle East where Christians are safe is Israel.

That is why Israel deserves our support. Israel is a safe haven for everyone, whatever their belief and opinions. Israel is a beacon of light in a region of total darkness. Israel is fighting our fight.

The jihad against Israel is a jihad against all of us. If Israel falls, we, too, will feel the consequences. If Jerusalem falls, Athens, Rome, Amsterdam and Nashville will fall. Therefore, we all are Israel. We should always support Israel!

Today, we are confronted with political unrest in the Arab countries. The Arab peoples long for freedom. However, the ideology and culture of islam is so deeply entrenched in these countries that real freedom is simply impossible as long as islam remains dominant.

A recent poll in post-revolution Egypt found that 85 percent of Egyptians are convinced that islam's influence on politics is good, 82 percent believe that adulterers should be stoned, 84 percent want the death penalty for apostates. The press refers to the events in the Arab world today as the Arab spring. I call it the Arab winter.

Islam and freedom, islam and democracy are not compatible.

The death of Osama bin Laden last week was a victory for the free world, but we will be confronted with Islamic terrorism as long as islam exists, because islam's founder Muhammad himself was a terrorist, worse than Bin Laden.

And here is another truth: The rise of islam means the rise of sharia law in our judicial systems. In Europe we already have sharia wills, sharia schools, sharia banks. Britain even has sharia courts.

In my own country, the Netherlands, sharia is being applied by the courts in cases relating to divorce, child custody, inheritance, and property ownership. Women are always the victims of this because sharia discriminates women.

This is a disgrace. This is not the way we should treat women.

My friends, I told you that we have just remembered Liberation Day to commemorate the young Americans and all the heroes who offered their lives to free the Netherlands from nazi tyranny. It

The fact that we are being treated as criminals for telling the truth must not deter us. We are doomed if we remain silent or let ourselves be silenced. Let us not forget, this is our first and most important obligation: defend the right to speak the truth.

Second, we must end cultural relativism and political correctness. We must repeat it over and over again, especially to our children: Our Western culture based on Christianity and Judaism is superior to the Islamic culture. Our laws are superior to Sharia. Our Judeo-Christian values are better than Islam's totalitarian rules.

And because they are superior and better, we must defend them. We must fight for our own identity, or else we will lose it. We need to be warriors for the good, because the good is worth fighting for. Neutrality in the face of evil is evil.

Third, we must stop the Islamization of our countries. More Islam means less freedom. There is enough Islam in the West already. We must stop immigration from non-Western countries, which are mostly Islamic countries. We must expel criminal immigrants. We must forbid the construction of new hate palaces called mosques.

We must also close down all Islamic schools because educating children in a spirit of hate is one of the worst things imaginable. We must introduce anti-Sharia legislation everywhere in the free world. Enough is enough.

Fourth, we must take pride in our nations again. We must cherish and preserve the culture and identity of our country. Preserving our own culture and identity is the best antidote against Islamization.

And fifth, last but certainly not least, we must elect wise and courageous leaders who are brave enough to address the problems which are facing us, including the threat of Islam.

Politicians who have the courage to speak the truth about Islam.

Politicians who dare to denounce the devastating results of the multicultural society.

Politicians who --- without political correctness --- say: enough is enough.

You and I, Americans and Europeans, we belong to a common Western culture. We share the ideas and ideals of our common Judeo-Christian heritage. In order to pass this heritage on to our children and grandchildren, we must stand together, side by side, in our struggle against Islamic barbarism.

That, my friends, is why I am here. I am here to forge an alliance. Our international freedom alliance. We must stand together for the Judeo-Christian West.

We will not allow Islam to overrun Israel and Europe, the cradle of the Judeo-Christian civilization.

My friends, we will stand together.

We will stand firm.

We will not submit. Never. Not in Israel, not in Europe, not in America. Nowhere.

We will survive.

We will stop Islam.

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