

immediate cause to take whatever steps are necessary to eliminate that abomination from their sight."

But what of "moderate Muslims", those somewhat mythical figures so beloved of the tolerant and the left in our country and others? Certainly not every Muslim wishes to stone women who commit adultery, or behead anyone who openly preaches Christianity (although to do so is an offence punishable by death, according to the Koran).

Here in New Zealand we have just had a timely warning about what happens when moderation meets fundamentalism. Sheik Abu Abdulla was the Imam (Religious Leader) of a mosque in Avondale. He was accused – by his own congregation – of preaching "extreme Islam" and trespassed from his mosque for two years. It appears the Sheikh had tutored two young men who were stopped at the border from going to Syria to fight in the conflict there, although he denies that.

Abdulla makes the usual reassuring noises: he is not a terrorist and not a supporter of terrorism. If he was a supporter of terrorism he would be in hiding, not planning to attend a mediation meeting with representatives of those who had him ousted. He had nothing to do with those attempting to fly to Syria other than being their religious teacher.

On 13 May, the Sheikh introduced a disturbing racist explanation for his banning, telling the *New Zealand Herald* that "all the mosques in New Zealand are run by Indian Muslims, so some people don't like it when an Arab has too much power." I do not know whether New Zealand's mosques are all controlled by Indians. If so, that is another cleavage with the potential to cause mayhem and worse – racial conflicts on top of religious ones.

It is certainly true that the Sheikh was able to be ousted from the mosque because what appear to be more moderate elements outnumber his followers – but only just. The Sheikh's supporters are reportedly seeking Police help to have him reinstated as leader of the mosque.

The warning lessons from the United Kingdom and Australia are clear, and paint a disturbing picture of what *will* happen if we allow further Muslim

immigration here. Why on earth would New Zealand's experience be different from other western countries which have allowed their Muslim population to increase towards 5%?

Thirty years ago, anyone who said there would be whole areas of Bradford where the Police dare not go because of intimidation by young Muslims would have been called a paranoid fool. That is even more so in Australia – who would have ever thought Bondi would be the venue for clashes between Muslims and "unbelievers"?¹²

I believe on the basis of the news coverage coming out of Europe and Australia that we should not allow one more Muslim into this country – no matter how "moderate" or secular he claims to be. We have a peaceful Muslim community now, with just hints of strain. But the warning signs suggest it is changing. Overseas experience shows with the percentage of Muslims below 2% they are probably no real threat. But, to borrow a phrase from promoters of the Climate Change religion, 2% of a population is a "tipping point"; beyond that, the dictates of a 7th Century religion – unmodified since its invention – will become very real threats to our way of life in this green and pleasant land.

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