

Teaching the Koran in italian public schools

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The very last proposal made by Mr. Gianfranco Fini, President of the Italian Chamber (and presented by the Secretary of the FareFuturo Foundation, Mr. Adolfo Urso) is to teach the islamic religion in the italian public schools. This would be payed with the money of all citizens, who will therefore be forced to become supporters of a "god" they do not believe in. I will talk later about the question of the Italians "believing" or not believing in a religion that will be taught in public schools. Right now, what strikes me in this proposal is another matter: many of us were certain about it, but did not want to believe it.

Unfortunately it is so: Mr. Gianfranco Fini hates the Italians. He hates Italy, its culture, its history, its art, its territory and its poetry: everything. Every day, the President of the Italian Chamber (Mr. Fini), comes out with an idea, a proposal or a statement that confirms this hate. He even shows a sort of anxiety or haste in his will to cancel as soon as possible all traces of the existence of the Italians. Every other day he repeats that it is indispensable and necessary to give the Italian citizenship to the immigrants, for the most different reasons: because they were born in the italian territory, or because they have been living there for more than five years, or they work here or speak italian...

Unfortunately I do not know other good reasons why we should give away the Italian citizenship to foreigners, so I cannot offer any suggestions to someone who so deeply despises "Italianity". And, most of all, I am very sorry because our so much beloved Constitution does not provide condemnation of politicians for the "betrayal" of the Italian people; probably because those who wrote the Constitution were only able to imagine a military betrayal, and nothing else. Sentencing to death your own Motherland without shooting one single shot surely is a novelty.

According to the most recent statistics, in Italy there are a little more than 4 million immigrants. Although this number can be lower than the real one, not all immigrants are Muslims: there also are Catholics, Orthodox, Buddhists and so on. Muslims are a very small minority that is being given an excessive importance. We know very well why this happens: Islam is a total "culture-religion", which implies a *forma mentis* (a state of mind) totally depending on Allah: a certain lifestyle, ethics, a certain kind of male-female relationship, and also a relationship with the believers of other religions (the "infidels"). All of them are completely different from ours, both if we consider our way of life as a "western and secular" one, or as "christian" one.

This is why the presence of such a small minority turns out to be so noisy and explosive: their diversity is always clashing with us, in every thing that they do, say or want. If we decide to teach Islam in the italian public schools, this would mean that we want to teach to our children that *something we do not believe in* is true. *That all what is against our history, our civilization and our ethics* is true. This would mean that we want that our children *not to believe in anything*.

Many italians call themselves "secular", thus declaring to be non-believers, non-Christians. But this does not mean that it is possible to exclude Christianity from the italian history, since it would become incomprehensible: not only the political history but also the moral, literary and artistic history of our Country. After all, the religious difficulties of the Italians are focused on the Church and its precepts, more than on Jesus and the Gospel. And Christianity first of all *is* Jesus and the Gospel.

With this proposal, the president of the Camber and the Left - who immediately agreed with him - show their despise for religions and behave as if the differences between religions could be managed with what they call "pluralism" of information or of political ideas. They must be taken back to reality: the Italians do not want to die, and even less they do want to dig their own grave allowing Islam to set roots in their territory.

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