

Younger Muslims Tune In to Upbeat Religious

Message [Excerpts]

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[TBC (Dave Hunt): Islam appears to have its own "Emergent Mosque" movement.]

Note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows this article.

Muna el-Leboudy, a 22-year-old medical student, had a terrible secret: She wanted to be a filmmaker. The way she understood her Muslim faith, it was haram -- forbidden -- to dabble in movies, music or any art that might pique sexual desires.

Then one day in September, she flipped on her satellite TV and saw Moez Masoud.

A Muslim televangelist not much older than herself, in a stylish goatee and Western clothes, Masoud, 29, was preaching about Islam in youthful Arabic slang.

He said imams who outlawed art and music were misinterpreting their faith. He talked about love and relationships, the need to be compassionate toward homosexuals and tolerant of non-Muslims. Leboudy had never heard a Muslim preacher speak that way.

"Moez helps us understand everything about our religion -- not from 1,400 years ago, but the way we live now," said Leboudy, wearing a scarlet hijab over her hair.

She said she still plans a career in medicine, but she's also starting classes in film directing. "After I heard Moez," she said, "I decided to be the one who tries to change things."

Masoud is one of a growing number of young Muslim preachers who are using satellite television to promote an upbeat and tolerant brand of Islam.

Masoud and others promote "a sweet orthodoxy, which stresses the humane and compassionate" as an alternative to "unthinking rage," said Abdallah Schleifer, a specialist in Islam and electronic media at the American University in Cairo.

As a "contemporary figure," Masoud is fast becoming an influential star

among youth from "a middle-class full of yearning" who will eventually become decision-makers across the Middle East, Schleifer said. And as a product of American-founded schools in the region, Masoud is able to speak with authority about Western values in a way many others can't. His most recent show, a 20-part series that aired this fall on Iqra, one of the region's leading religious channels, attracted millions of viewers from Syria to Morocco. Clips of the show appeared immediately on YouTube, and fans downloaded more than 1.5 million episodes onto their computers.

"We don't need someone to tell us that if we don't pray we will go to hell -- we need someone to follow," said Adham el-Kordy, 23, an Egyptian who is studying to be a gynecologist. "He talks about things that happen to me every day."

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: I agree with the Berean Call Ministry, Islam is having its own Emergent Movement, and so is Buddhism, Catholicism, Mormonism, etc.

In these last days it appears that all religions are morphing into a less fundamental, more tolerant flavor as they live and work with other "faith based" religions to make the world a better place to play and live.

The Bible teaches that Satan will establish a world government in the last days, headed by the Antichrist (Daniel, Revelation). World government needs to pacify and direct the passions of the various religions in order to ensure the world's peoples can be united under a common government. It looks like the Devil is close to seeing his dream come true. Too bad he hasn't read the back of the Book to see that he is a loser.

Tragically, Rick Warren, Brian McLaren and the Purpose Driven/Emerging movement have removed the fundamentals of the Christian faith from tens-of-thousands of pulpits in America, and the undiscerning sheep hardly put up a whimper. Praise Jesus for the faithful remnant that is still holding onto the truth of the Gospel without compromise. But the days of doing so without persecution from the tolerant "faith based" community are coming to an end.

Now the Muslim youth are taking the Purpose Driven lead and are trying to ignore the absolutes of the "peaceful" religion of Islam.

The Imams are not likely to put up with this grass-roots rebellion in many areas of the Islamic world, but things will get easier after the dust settles from the coming Middle-East wars.

After the God of Israel protects the Jews from the Muslim threat of annihilation by fulfilling Isaiah 17, Psalm 83 and Eze 38-39 (i.e., millions of Muslims are dead and survivors no longer chanting there is no god but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet), the surviving Muslims will be holding hands with Rick Warren singing Cum-ba-ya as they help the ignorant, surviving, masses take the mark of the beast on their hands or foreheads so that they can electronically donate to the African Aids projects and Global warming tax.

It is too bad that Rick Warren is more interesting in joining with false religions to fight global warming than he is about the eternal flames awaiting those he successfully deceives.

Rev 21:7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (NKJ)

Luke 17:1 Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! 2 "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. (NKJ)