Christians Should "Convert, Pay Tribute, or Leave," Says Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood Candidate?

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: Although this article is a few months old, this Muslim attitude is very current and being used to oppress and displace Egyptian Christians today. The recent adoption of a Sharia Law Constitution in Egypt has given the Muslim Brotherhood legal authority to persecute Christians and many are suffering the loss of everything if they refuse to "convert."

With related articles in the alternative media exposing the Muslim Brotherhood influence in the Obama administration, we should take warning that what is happening in Egypt today could come to America soon.

However, the Psalm 83 and Isaiah 17 wars will put a big damper on the Muslim brotherhood expansion plans and we can only hope and pray that they are dealt with soon, before they deal with us.

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According to the popular Egyptian website, <u>El Bashayer</u>, Muhammad Morsi, the Muslim Brotherhood presidential candidate, just declared that he will "achieve the Islamic conquest (*fath*) of Egypt for the second time, and make all Christians convert to Islam, or else pay the *jizya*," the additional Islamic tax, or financial tribute, required of non-Muslims, or financial tribute.

In a brief report written by Samuel al-Ashay and published by El Bashayer on May 27, Morsi allegedly made these comments while speaking with a journalist at the headquarters of the Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party, adding "We will not allow Ahmed Shafiq [his contending presidential candidate] or anyone else to impede our second Islamic conquest of Egypt."

After his interviewer pointed out that the first Muslim conquest of Egypt was "carried out at the hands of Amr bin al-As [in 641]," he asked Morsi, "Who will the second Islamic conqueror be?" Morsi, replied, "The second Muslim conqueror will be Muhammad Morsi," referring to himself, "and history will record it."

When asked what he thought about many Christian Copts coming out to vote for his secular opponent, Ahmed Shafiq, Morsi reportedly said, "They need to know that conquest is coming, and Egypt will be Islamic, and that they must pay *jizya* or emigrate."

If this interview is accurate, certainly Morsi would not be the first political Islamist in Egypt to say he wants to see the nation's Christians subjugated and made to pay *jizya* (see <u>here</u> for more examples).

However, considering that the English language media are currently reporting that Morsi is trying to <u>woo Egypt's</u> <u>Christians and women</u> to win more votes, it is difficult to imagine that he actually made those comments: one does not doubt that he favors the idea of a "second Islamic conquest" and the subjugation of Christians; one doubts that he would be so foolish as to reveal his mind now, publicly, and thereby jeopardize his chances of winning the presidency.

Then again, his remarks are reported in the context of a private meeting at the headquarters of the Brotherhood's political party. Perhaps Morsi thought...

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