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Puritanism & Islam

by Joe Escobar - Saturday, October 7, 2017, 9:48 PM

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Re: Puritanism & Islam

by Maribel Frickey - Monday, October 9, 2017, 2:47 PM

I am not really concerned with the finding, after listening to the podcast a couple of times I can understand why there are similarities between Muslims and Puritans especially since their beliefs take up a large part of their lives. Some of the difference between students in Egypt and the American students is that religion doesn't play as big of a role here and there is a separation of church and state. It also feels not as many people are religious nowadays at least to the extent Puritans were. However modern day Muslims do have those similarities to

Puritans, where the lines are blurry between church and state. I think that the fact that I am religious may make me bit bias. I don't think that religion can be nor should it be completely removed since it is so deeply rooted in American history.

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Re: Arab Muslim Similarity to Puritans

by Preston Cobb - Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 4:48 PM

The audio file intrigued me. To see that Muslim students in Kyero can be more relatable to the New England Puritans is actually not as surprising than one would think in my opinion. As said in the audio many of the middle eastern Muslim students have more in common with the 17th century New England puritans than most of the American students. These Muslim students experience more of a traditional way to religion, in a sense a "stricter" way of religion. Where religion is the focal point to a community. In the Arab world religion and state is a blurry area that normally is hard to define, just like the New England Puritans in the 17th century.

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Re: Arab Muslim Similarity to Puritans

by Maribel Frickey - Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 1:39 PM

I agree it does makes sense for the students in Egypt can relate to the Puritans since their view of religion is so similar versus the American students who have a clear church and state divide.

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Seperation of Church and State

by Sarah Amoson - Thursday, October 12, 2017, 11:41 AM

After reading this article on puritanism I realize how Christianity in general became such a large influence in our country. I had always known that the Europeans brought it over when they settled in America but I didn't realize how much of an impact religion had on the societies and the government. I am a firm believer in the separation of church and state, and I know see why this is something so difficult for our society to let go of; it was embedded in our governments formation so long ago. I believe that faith is an extremely important thing, no matter what it is you practice or believe in. I personally was baptized Catholic though I practice Unity, a branch of Christianity. When it comes to so many pressing matters in our society, many people let their personal religious or moral beliefs get in the way of what is ethical for our society as whole. We need to get rid of the thousand year old influence of religion on government and society, especially in a country with religious freedom such as the United States.

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Re: Seperation of Church and State-reply

by Audrey Millard - Sunday, October 15, 2017, 9:22 PM

Sarah,

I am a firm believer in the separation of church and state as well. When they are mixed, we can see from history, that time after time it makes more trouble than it does anything else. This particular reading and writing opened my eyes to what you state in your first 2 sentences as well. Thanks for your input on the topic!

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My thoughts on Puritanism & Islam

by Audrey Millard - Sunday, October 15, 2017, 8:18 PM

Never really learned much about the current belief systems in Egypt, only the traditional far far far past beliefs, it's something that was never really taught sadly. In the audio, they speak about students in Egypt discussing American history and government. Polygamy is a topic that could be discussed in many cultures because, it exists in every culture in some shape or form. It is a very, hidden topic in Western society, but it is there. Puritanism being compared to Islam is very bold and interesting. For me personally, I was raised without a religion. My mother was raised Christian, and my father was raised Mormon (but no they did not believe in polygamy). I had Christian friends, Mormon friends, Catholic friends, Muslim friends, Atheist friends, but personally I believe Buddhist faith the most. I was always told as a kid that I could believe in whatever faith rang true to me so long as it bred kindness and not hate. Therefore, my opinion on topics like these are pretty unbiased.

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Re: My thoughts on Puritanism & Islam

by Preston Cobb - Sunday, October 15, 2017, 9:13 PM

Your response about be raised without a religion struck me, because I can relate to that. While my mom being raised catholic and dad Christian, religion was never forced down my throat. I have had the open opportunity to explore religion as freely as I would like. I feel that the Egyptian students feeling more and comparing more to the puritans makes sense to me because religion in those middle east countries are still a focal point in their lives. Religion is throughout the whole day for Muslims in the morning, mid-day, at dinner and even in the governments.

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