

Hirsi Ali, Mark Steyn, Liberals¹

My Good Mark

Like you, I greatly admire Hirsi for her courage, imagination, drive and intelligence. Also like you, I profoundly disagree with her secular solution. Secularism, not Islam, is the main problem in Europe and, might I add, it is becoming so in Canada. Islam has become a challenge in Europe because it is smart enough to rush into the vacuum created by secularism.

As to the kind of liberal you speak of, perhaps we should give them a one-way ticket to Jupiter, where they could build their kind of utopia from scratch, without the oppressive burdens of history itself or the institutions, structures and traditions it has saddled us with. A de novo liberal paradise! Ach, I drool when I think of it--a world without them, those liberals, that is.

Keep up your writing, Mark. I admire you too for your courageous writing. But sometimes you may wish to simplify your vocab a bit. You occasionally stretch even me, a writer myself.

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