

Muslim Hypocrisy

Letter to the Editor, *Toronto Globe and Mail*

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Your report about the Muslim protest against the Tory conference that coincides with the Muslim fasting month (June 1) sounds like an innocent story of yet another minority group suffering from discrimination in our intolerant society, but it is not as innocent an issue as that.

The same issue contains a story about a Roman Catholic priest in the Sudan who is “publicly flogged for possessing liquor in defiance of Islamic law.” Sudan has turned itself into a Muslim state and the Christians there are suffering from increasing Muslim intolerance and oppression, having an Islamic system imposed upon them recently. Though the Nigerian constitution allows complete freedom of religion, in the states controlled by Muslims, Christians have for years suffered from blatant forms of discrimination, especially when applying for permits to build churches or in the matter of teaching religion in the public schools where these governments will often pay for those who teach Islam. The standing of Christians in Arab and other Muslim countries is too well known to need documentation: nowhere do they have the freedom that our Canadian Muslims demand for themselves.

May I suggest to our Tory Muslims that charity begins at home? I advise them to work on instilling tolerance towards others who live in Muslim communities throughout the world before they begin to cry wolf about discrimination against them in Canada. How dare they demand the moral right to practice their religion in freedom when the entire Muslim world is *completely and officially based on discrimination* against adherents of other religions? How dare they claim what they deny others throughout the world?

Incredible!

¹ This letter was written in 1984, but placed on this website in 2016. By 2016, this sort of complaint has become commonplace but in 1984 this was still a budding awareness in Canada that needed to be further developed.