

America must assert the Right of Sacredness for Ground Zero

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It seems a bit strange, at a first glance, that Europe should be in charge of beginning a new historical cycle, defending America from its same mistakes. But the moment has come. We became aware of the weakness of the American system - and of its very serious negative consequences - as far as the management of differences is concerned: ethnical, religious and cultural differences. Because, starting from the end of the Second World War, we adopted this same system and so did the European legislation, which is full of rules against racism and xenophobia.

Until recent times, especially in Italy, almost everybody thought that the serious problems that we had to face each day to enforce these rules copied from America, were due to the fact that we are far too many in a territory that is immensely smaller than the American one. And most of all, we thought that it is our fault if we are intolerant being under the pressure of religions and customs so different from ours.

Since European Nations are not used to stop over the empirical aspect of situations, Philosophy, Psychology and Anthropology already started - from a long time - a deep meditation about the meaning of the different Civilizations, about the historical paths and about what really is meaningful for men in their 'being in the world' - besides everyday's calm routine. This consciousness is finally giving back a new value to the European Peoples, who went through a long period of confusion after the Second World War. Being aware of this, we can and must talk also to America, to force it to cry out-loud against any attempt to cancel and overcome the Memory of the attack and the Dead of Ground Zero.

Those Dead belong to the whole Western world, to the civilized world, and therefore to Europe; most of all to Italy which is the motherland of the greatest jurists, of the people who first created the rules of Law, even for the enemies both in peace and in wartime. The Twin Towers Attack meant the irruption in our civilization of a mentality and of a world which is completely opposed to ours; and this absolute cultural difference - sorry to say that - is evident in the idea of building a mosque in a place that muslims should be the first to respect. More that their insensibility towards the grief of America, the idea of creating there a building that is a symbol of their presence shows an implicit but very evident will of domination and victory.

Is there any other way to interpret this demand? And, starting from this self-evident observation, Americans must claim back their Right to the Sacredness of Ground Zero, and of course of all the surrounding area, according to the non-written rules of the Sacred that always existed in every time and in every culture. And the muslims, who are extremely respectful of the precepts of purity and contamination, know all too well these rules.

Italy has something more to add, in exhorting Americans not to surrender: from the very beginning, Italians fought against terrorism side by side with Americans; more than any other european people they were impressed by the horror of such a treacherous attack against innocent civilians. Many italians are living in places where this difficult and painful war is still going on, and many of our men died there. For no reason we will ever allow their Memory to be offended, nor will we let America forget that she must defend it.

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