



## *Islamic Converts Ask Pope in Open Letter To Change His Teaching on Islam*



[Steve Skojec January 11, 2018 57 Comments](#)

A new, open letter to the pope is making the rounds on the Internet, and it has gathered over 2,600 signatures so far.

“Most Holy Father,” it begins, “Many of us have tried to contact you, on many occasions and for several years, and we have never received the slightest acknowledgement of our letters or requests for meetings.”

The letter is not from the *dubia* cardinals, or from the more than 800,000 signers of the 2015 Filial Appeal, or from the signatories of the Filial Correction, but from a group of Islamic converts to Catholicism, who want Francis to answer a simple question: **why did they literally *risk their lives* to become**

## **Catholic if Islam is “a good religion in itself” as the pope “seems to teach”?**

It's a question he refuses to answer, despite endless platitudes of how important it is to be close to the marginalized and to accompany those on the peripheries of the Church. The signers, however, are not dissuaded in their pursuit of a paternal answer:

You do not like to beat around the bush, and neither do we, so allow us to say frankly that we do not understand your teaching about Islam, as we read in paragraphs 252 and 253 of [Evangelii Gaudium](#), because it does not account for the fact that [Islam came AFTER Christ](#), and so is, and can only be, an Antichrist (see 1 Jn 2.22), and one of the most dangerous because it presents itself as the fulfillment of Revelation (of which Jesus would have been only a prophet). If Islam is a good religion in itself, as you seem to teach, why did we become Catholic? Do not your words question the soundness of the choice we made at the risk of our lives? Islam prescribes death for apostates (Quran 4.89, 8.7-11), do you know? How is it possible to [compare Islamic violence with so-called Christian violence](#)? *“What is the relationship between Christ and Satan? What union is there between light and darkness? What association between the faithful and the unfaithful?”* (2 Cor 6: 14-17) In accordance with His teaching (Lk 14:26), we preferred Him, the Christ, to our own life. Are we not in a good position to talk to you about Islam?

The letter makes short work of the notion that Islam and Christianity can ever be compatible, or that Islam can serve as a path to salvation:

In fact, as long as Islam wants us to be its enemy, we are, and all our protestations of friendship cannot change anything. As a proper Antichrist, Islam exists only as an enemy of all: *“Between us and you there is enmity and hatred forever, until you believe in Allah alone!”* (Qur’an 60.4) For the Qur’an, Christians *“are only impurity”* (Quran 9.28), *“the worst of Creation”* (Qur’an 98.6), all condemned to Hell (Qur’an 4.48), so Allah must exterminate them (Quran 9.30). We must not be deceived by the Quranic verses deemed tolerant, because they have all been repealed by the verse of the Sword (Quran 9.5). Where the Gospel proclaims the good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection for the salvation of all, and the fulfillment of the Covenant initiated with the Hebrews, Allah has nothing to offer but war and murder of the “infidels” in exchange for his paradise: *“They fight on the way of Allah, they kill and are killed.”* (Quran 9:11) We do not confuse Islam with Muslims, but if for you “dialogue” means the voice of peace, for Islam it’s only another way to make war. Also, as it was in the face of Nazism and communism, naiveté in the face of Islam is suicidal and very dangerous. How can you speak of peace and endorse Islam, as you seem to do: [“To wring from our hearts the disease that plagues our lives \(...\) Let those who are Christians do it with the Bible and those who are Muslims do it with the Quran.](#) “(Rome, January 20, 2014)? That the Pope seems to propose the Quran as a way of salvation, is that not cause for worry? Should we return to Islam?

The authors say that Islam can be no ally in the battle “against the powers that want to dominate and enslave the world” because “they share the same totalitarian logic based on the rejection of the kingship of Christ (Lk 4.7).” They contest

the idea that speaking in an “Islamophilic tone” will help those Christians who are suffering persecution in Muslim countries, professing that “apart from the fact that Jesus has never indicated any other way than that of the Cross, so that we must find our joy therein and not flee with all the damned, we do not doubt that only the proclamation of the Truth brings with it not only salvation, but freedom as well (John 8.32).”

The letter also contrasts the stance of Islamic countries like Turkey and Saudi Arabia who “do not welcome any refugee” while Pope Francis preaches the welcoming of migrants regardless of the fact that they are Muslims, something forbidden by Apostolic command: “If anyone comes to you but refuses this Gospel, do not receive him among you nor greet him. Whoever greets him participates in his evil works.” (2 John 1.10-11); “If anyone preaches to you a different Gospel, let him be accursed!” (Galatians 1.8-9)

The signatories go on to give voice to the utter scandal of the pope’s failure to carry out his evangelical mission as the Vicar of Christ to call home the members of the Islamic faith:

The pro-Islam speech of Your Holiness leads us to deplore the fact that Muslims are not invited to leave Islam, and that many ex-Muslims, such as [Magdi Allam](#), are even leaving the Church, disgusted by her cowardice, wounded by equivocal gestures, confused by the lack of evangelization, scandalized by the praise given to Islam ... Thus ignorant souls are misled...

Taking the matter further, they warn, too, of the physical danger the pope’s disposition toward Islam invites, saying that it has resulted in Christians not preparing for a confrontation with Islam, to which St. John Paul II has called them ([Ecclesia in Europa, No. 57](#)). We are under the impression that you do not

take your brother Bishop Nona Amel, Chaldean-Catholic Archbishop of Mosul in exile, seriously, when he tells us: “Our present sufferings are the prelude to those that you, Europeans and Western Christians, will suffer in the near future. I have lost my diocese. The headquarters of my archdiocese and my apostolate have been occupied by radical Islamists who want us to convert or die. (...) You are welcoming into your country an ever increasing number of Muslims. You are in danger as well. You must make strong and courageous decisions (...). You think that all men are equal, but Islam does not say that all men are equal. (...) If you do not understand this very quickly, you will become the victims of the enemy that you have invited into your home.” ([August 9, 2014](#)) “. This is a matter of life and death, and any complacency towards Islam is treasonous. We do not wish the West to continue with Islamization, nor that your actions contribute to it. Where then would we go to seek refuge? The signatories plea is that the pope will “quickly convene a synod on the dangers of Islam.”

What remains of the Church where Islam has installed itself? If she still has civil rights, it is in dhimmitude, on the condition that she does not evangelize, thus denying her very essence. In the interest of justice and truth, the Church must bring to light why the arguments put forward by Islam to blaspheme the Christian faith are false. If the Church had the courage to do that, we do not doubt that millions, Muslims as well as other men and women seeking the true God, would convert. As you said: “*He who does not pray to Christ, prays to the Devil.*” (14.03.13) If people knew they were going to Hell, they would give their lives to Christ. (cf. Quran 3.55)

It is a powerful letter giving voice to a rising desperation and alarm. Once again, we are reminded of the Gospel of Luke, chapter 11:

And which of you, if he ask his father bread, will he give him a stone? or a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

Or if he shall ask an egg, will he reach him a scorpion?

It seems that every sincere request to our spiritual father, the pope, receives just such a response.

The signatories say that they will present the letter to the pope once it “reaches a significant number of signatories.” But we have seen this before, and the pleas always go unanswered. Nevertheless, if he will not answer the letter, we will do all we can to make it known. [You can see \(and sign\) the full letter here.](#)

*Here follows the text of an Open Letter to Pope Francis that you can sign if you so wish. We will present it as soon as it reaches a significant number of signatories. Thank you for helping to make it known. We base our initiative on Canon Law: “According to the knowledge, the competence and the prestige enjoyed by the faithful, they have the right and sometimes even the duty to give the Sacred Shepherds their opinion on what concerns the good of the Church and to make it known to the other faithful, keeping safe the integrity of faith and morals and the reverence due to pastors, and taking into account the common utility and dignity of people.” (Canon 212 § 3):*

**From former Muslims who became Catholics, and their friends, to His Holiness Pope Francis, about his attitude towards Islam.**

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We beg you not to seek in Islam an ally in your fight against the powers that want to dominate and enslave the world, since they share the same totalitarian logic based on the rejection of the kingship of Christ (Lk 4.7). We know that the Beast of the Apocalypse, seeking to devour the Woman and her Child, has many heads. Allah defends such alliances by the way (Quran 5.51)! Moreover, the prophets have always reproached Israel for its willingness to ally with foreign powers, to the detriment of the complete confidence they should’ve had in God. Certainly, the temptation is strong to think that speaking in an Islamophilic



tone will prevent more suffering for Christians in those countries that have become Muslim, but apart from the fact that Jesus has never indicated any other way than that of the Cross, so that we must find our joy therein and not flee with all the damned, we do not doubt that only the proclamation of the Truth brings with it not only salvation, but freedom as well (John 8.32). Our duty is to bear witness to the truth *“in season and out of season”* (2 Timothy 4.2), and our glory is to be able to say with St. Paul: *“I did not want to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”* (1 Corinthians 2.2)

As to Your Holiness’s stance on Islam: even as President Erdogan, among others, asks his countrymen not to integrate into their host countries, and while Saudi Arabia and all the petrol monarchies do not welcome any refugee, [expressions \(among others\) of the project of conquest and Islamization of Europe](#), officially [proclaimed by the OIC](#) and [other Islamic organizations](#) for decades; you, Most Holy Father, preach the welcoming of migrants regardless of the fact that they are Muslims, something forbidden by Apostolic command: *“If anyone comes to you but refuses this Gospel, do not receive him among you nor greet him. Whoever greets him participates in his evil works.”* (2 John 1.10-11); *“If anyone preaches to you a different Gospel, let him be accursed!”* (Galatians 1.8-9)

Just as *“For I was hungry, and you gave me no food.”* (Mt 25:42) cannot mean that Jesus would have liked to be a parasite, so *“I was a stranger and you welcomed Me”* cannot mean *“I was an invader and you welcomed Me”*, but rather *“I needed your hospitality for a while, and you granted it to me”*. The word ξένος (*xenos*) in the New Testament does not only have the meaning of *stranger* but of *guest* as well (Rm 16.23; 1 Co

16.5-6, Col 4.10; 3 Jn 1.5). And when YHWH in the Old Testament commands to treat foreigners well because the Hebrews have themselves been foreigners in Egypt, it is on the condition that the foreigner assimilates so well to the chosen people that he accepts their religion and practices their cult... Never is there mention of welcoming a foreigner who would keep his religion and its customs! Also, we do not understand that you are pleading for Muslims to practice their religion in Europe. The meaning of Scripture should not be supplied by the proponents of globalism, but in fidelity to Tradition. The Good Shepherd hunts the wolf, He does not let it enter the sheepfold.

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With the deepest love for Christ who, through you, leads His Church, we, converts from Islam, supported by many of our brothers in the Faith, especially the Christians of the East, and by our friends, ask Your Holiness to confirm our conversion to Jesus Christ, true God and true man, the only Savior, with a frank and right discourse on Islam, and, assuring you of our prayers in the heart of the Immaculate, we ask your apostolic blessing.

List of names of signatories and their email (certainly not all ex-Muslims will sign this Letter for fear of possible reprisals).

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