

A thoughtful post on Christian/Muslim reconciliation

By Holly Lisle

The writer of this is Quaker (I used to be) and a visiting scholar at Yale Divinity School. My personal take on **any** religion is “no, thanks,” but I am a firm supporter of *freedom* of religion. And of tolerance, defined as follows: I will tolerate you, your quirks, and your beliefs, if you will tolerate me, my quirks, and my beliefs, and if nothing you do imposes on the rights of others to life, liberty, and the pursuit of lawful happiness. I, in my part, will not impose on your right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of lawful happiness.

I will not pretend to be someone I’m not in order to have you like me under false pretenses. I ask that you return the favor.

And I don’t tolerate child molesters, rapists, murderers, or factions of religions whose only happiness can be achieved if I am subsumed into their religion, or killed for not joining.

This is, I think, a reasonable definition of tolerance. It may not be perfect, but neither am I.

And with that thought, I give you Sarah Ruden writing for the Wall Street Journal on Yale’s Christian/Muslim Reconciliation Conference.

Some of what she had to say made me think of **Talyn**. Some of it made me think of **Hawkspar**.

Thanks to Jim for the link.

More on the contest

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I've put up a notification page here: <http://hollylisle.net>

I'm not sure what form the contest will take, but my editor says my publisher wants to work with me on it, so I'm thinking we'll do *something*. I hope it'll be something even better than what I had in mind.

If you want to be notified when I get things going, add your e-mail to the list.

As for why, I don't know. I don't have the details yet. There were apparently legal issues or legal ramifications or legal somethings with something related to something. As is usual with any thing that involves the word "legal." When requested to, I pulled the page. When I find out the details, I'll pass on what I can.

Question Answered

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Whatever sort of contest I can have to promote my books, it can't be that sort. {sigh} My publisher put the kibosh on the video contest. So. I'll come up with something else.

But not today.

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Wow. The Ancestor of the Mortgage Loan Bailout!

By Holly Lisle

Who'd have thought we could have skipped the whole mortgage-loan, credit-crunch fiasco if people still studied history?

Tacitus is on my nightstand in my to-be-read pile. He just got moved way up the priority list.

Thanks to Jim Woosley for the link, and for my introduction to a weblog that is now added to my Recommended Reads: Fourmilog: None Dare Call It Reason

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HollyLisle.NET and My Video Contest

By Holly Lisle

□ This is a contest for everyone, basically. If you can legally enter the contest where you live, and if you have a PayPal account (or your parents will accept prizes at theirs), you can play. You can even play if you don't qualify—you just can't win.

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