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Behead This...

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The shock and awe of it all.

Today's newspapers report that the recently reported beheading of an American is false. The potential victim of this cowardly act, Wassef Ali Hassoun, a Marine who also happens to be a Lebanese immigrant and a Muslim, saved himself from execution by agreeing to leave the military. This would have been and still could be the fourth beheading in two months carried out by Muslim extremists. These extremists are low-life criminals who have taken a misguided cue from world events, using their zealot religious beliefs as foolish vindication for the atrocities they commit against civilization.

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These beheadings are nothing new to the Muslim world or to world history. Our world's written history is full of accounts of beheadings and similar extreme acts of ultimate punishment for crimes against criminal, cultural, and political beliefs and behaviors. I am not shocked nor do I find myself in awe over these recent acts of cowardice by so called honorable men of Allah. I expected this type of behavior from the enemy as they will do all that is necessary to achieve victory. Their victory is a victory that will turn the clock back on the world to the dark ages of evil superstition and anarchy. Their victory will never stand. I, as millions of others, will not allow these extremists to even have a taste of victory. Not one generation of these violent brainwashed religious zealots will ever know a world that will come close to what they dream of so often. This I know in my heart is true.

Today's struggle may go on for decades, if not centuries to come. This war of religion and culture will continue to be waged on every plane: physical, spiritual and for some, in the hereafter. The good coming from this conflict is that many are finally awakening and taking a stand, picking a side, and doing what they believe is right for their cause. A conflict that is bringing friend and foe together to unite against the evils of our world. Even here in America, you can witness this awakening through the various goings on in our nation's political and religious cultural struggles.

America is in a struggle that will determine the future for this nation and the world for generations to come. An internal conflict, no different than when a young person comes of age and has to make life altering decisions. Yet a conflict on a grander scale with implications potentially rendered irreversible if the wrong decisions are made. To be victorious, we all must believe in our hearts that personal freedoms are God-given inalienable rights, which our founding fathers stated clearly: "...that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness". These God given inalienable rights are the core beliefs that have led many men and women to fight for the freedoms we enjoy today.

From our founding fathers, such as John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, Ben Franklin, Patrick Henry, who fought in heated debates to bring birth to this great nation, we all received a great gift. A gift I call the American Spirit of Freedom. A gift that brought many young and adventurous souls to the frontier of America to help build a new nation in a new land. A gift that compelled young men such as my ancestors, William Elias Robins, Archibald Sloan, and scores of others to pick up arms and defend their homes and way of life against the tyranny of Lincoln's administration. A gift that continues today in the hearts and minds of Americans who understand and want to exercise their God given rights to Freedom. A gift that takes away victory from our enemies.

I know that America is far from perfect and has, in its own life as a nation, committed atrocities and horrors against its own citizens. I do not want to claim that all is right and in America. I do know that our enemies will never understand, is that our God-given inalienable rights, as freedom-loving human beings we will never be defeated. No matter what our enemies do to us in battle or through terrorism, they will never be victorious. They will never be able to behead the American Spirit. Never!