

B"H Globally promoting and teaching the 7 Laws of Noah - the Moral Code to unite all Mankind

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Open letter to Claire Khaw (C.K.) and https://radicalisedrabbi.blogspot.com/

I write in response to C.K.'s misrepresentation of my position about her concept of "Secular Koranism," on her web page https://radicalisedrabbi.blogspot.com/2020/01/rabbi-declares-secular-koranism-to-be.html

This response is posted at this URL:

https://asknoah.org/wp-content/uploads/rebuttal-of-claims-that-secular-koranism-is-noahide-compliant.pdf

The following are quotes from my statements in recent emails to her, with clarifications added in brackets:

1. On 27 January 20'20:

"...the web site https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/ does not represent the Torah law" [as to whether believers in any non-Torah religion are considered or regarded as Noahides].

[It is a project of AICE: https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/about-aice. Quoting from that page:]

"The American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE) was established in 1993 as a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship by emphasizing the fundamentals of the alliance — the values our nations share."

"Here is a **correct** restatement of those issues, in the view of Torah law: 'In the view of the strict monotheism of Islam, Muslims were considered as **non-idolaters**...'"

2. On 26 January 20'20, I wrote this *conditional* statement:

"If Secular Koranism says that the things [in the specific 7 Laws] are forbidden, and that they are punishable by a 'Secular-Koranism' court, but only by a punishment that is lighter than execution, [then Secular Koranism] is compliant [if the specified punishment is a real deterrent].

If a court system [such as proposed in Secular Koranism] only punishes for transgressions of some of the 7 Laws, but not others ... then it [the court system] is in **partial** compliance [with the Noahide commandment to establish courts of law], but **not** full compliance."

C.K. then responded in her reply:

"The Quran admonishes blasphemy, but does not specify any worldly punishment for blasphemy."

To which I responded on 27 January 20'20:

"That makes it [the Quran and Secular Koranism] **not** Noahide compliant, in regard to the Torah-based definition of the capital sin of blasphemy [i.e. speaking a curse against G-d, using His most holy Name in Hebrew]"

Conclusions: C.K. has misrepresented my position. Secular Koranism fully exempts some violations of the 7 Noahide Commandments from liability to any worldly punishment. That alone makes it **not** compliant with the Noahide Code, even if its courts are in partial compliance. And the fact that **Secular** Koranism is clearly being promoted as "secular" puts it out of the category of the Noahide Code. The Noahide Laws are given by G-d as divine commands within the Torah. Authentic Noahide observance is therefore **not** secular, and is based on the **complete** truth of the *Chumash* being G-d's word given through Moses.

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