



Introduction - Edward Spalton

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**The Law of the Land and Alien Law 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Committee Room 3A House of Lords .**

My Lords, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Thank you for your attendance. I am Edward Spalton, Chairman of the Campaign for an Independent Britain which is, we think, the longest established, active independence campaign, having been founded in 1969 . We are a cross party group.

Thank you also to Lord Pearson of Rannoch for kindly arranging the availability of this room and to our speakers who bring particular expertise to their respective subjects.

Having been resolutely opposed to our membership of the European project since the Seventies, there is a risk of my straying too far into anecdotage but I have found that widely spaced events, often not terribly important at the time, suddenly come together as a pattern, confirming and explaining why things are the way they are.

Eighteen years ago, I was getting ready to fight the 1999 European Election in the UKIP interest. I was second candidate in the East Midlands. We had heard of the EU's plans for a common legal system called Corpus Juris and were very surprised to learn that Labour & Conservative MEPs had voted to welcome it – even though it was against the policies of both their parties at home. Private Eye was one publication which carried a detailed record and I got permission to copy their article and circulate it. Eventually the delinquent Conservative MEPs admitted “We pressed the wrong button”. The Labour MEPs never did say why. Later I learnt from Stuart Agnew MEP (UKIP) how easy it is to mis-vote in the confusing voting sessions of the EU parliament where hundreds of items may be voted through in an hour, completely separated from the relevant debates. So much for democratic control by the EU Parliament!

Of course, we kicked up a fuss about it and the redoubtable Kate Hoey, then at the Home Office made it clear on behalf of HMG that she was not accepting the nonsense.

1999 saw the first UKIP MEPs returned whilst there was pressure building from all sides to join the euro currency. At the New Year, Derby City Council circulated 1600 businesses with a leaflet “New Century, New Currency”, telling us that the euro was coming and we had jolly well better come to their seminar to find out about it.

George West, who is here today, also attended and I think the platform was a great deal more circumspect than had originally been intended.

So in the Spring of 2000, I was in St. Peter's Street Derby, campaigning to "keep the pound" and noticed a group of Muslim missionaries fifty yards up the street. I thought I might persuade them that the Great Satan had at least a branch office in Brussels.

Their leader, a young man of Indo/Pakistani descent, was obviously not from the oppressed of this world. He spoke with the sort of accent expensively acquired at an English public school. Our discussion was not a meeting of minds.

With usual cultural sensitivity, their table was actually part way across the access to St Peter's Church. I suggested very politely that he might move it a foot or so but he would not. "But if you live in this country, surely you expect to keep its laws?" I said. He replied "For a Muslim, that is oppression" . We went on for few minutes more on religious matters and again I started "But if you live in our country...." Quick as a flash, he came back "It is not your country. It is Allah's" .

So, after returning to my friends who were saving the pound, I went home, read the Koran and some authoritative commentary and came to the conclusion that he was absolutely right in terms of his own scriptures. Islam means submission and it is we who must be made to submit. That is their prophet's command to the faithful.

So it is from that small incident that the idea for this meeting arose somewhat belatedly. Both the European and Islamic projects insist on imposing alien law and making it superior to our own law of the land. For some reason, which I cannot fathom, there are presently and have been for two generations now, many of our leading fellow countrymen and women who think so little of their own people, land and culture that they are willing to submit it to one or other or both of these projects.

Both are advanced by deceit. Mark Leonard of the European Council on Foreign Relations proudly entitled an article "How the EU deceives its way to power". Those who have studied Islam a little will know of the doctrine of taqqiya (dissimulation) which makes it permissible or even compulsory for Muslims to lie to infidels for the good of the faithful. Both ideologies aspire to be the last word. The treaty of Rome said it would run "for an indefinite period", meaning more or less forever and Islam claims to be the last word of Allah to mankind this side of time and has had rather a longer run. The EU also claims a spiritual dimension with its "Soul for Europe" project, enlisting Christian churches in its cause.

Our Speakers.

TORQUIL DICK ERIKSON gives the lie to the Europhile myth that those opposing the EU project are isolationist , xenophobe "Little Englanders" . For over half a century he has lived and worked in Italy, taking a particular interest in the comparison of British and continental legal systems

To us, Torquil is famous for having blown the whistle on Corpus Juris, the EU's scheme to introduce a pan European legal system. He was invited to fill a spare place on a course in Spain in 1997 and has not ceased since to make us aware of the incompatibility of the Napoleonic inquisitorial legal system with our own tradition, arising from Magna Carta and the Common Law.

We are promised a Great Repeal Bill which will transpose EU law onto our own statute book. There are dangers inherent in this with a Prime Minister who, as Home Secretary, had no principled objection to the import of European gendarmes for the purpose of law enforcement here. Governments of non EU states can invite the paramilitary European Gendarmerie into their countries for assistance in maintaining order. Amber Rudd, our Home Secretary, also favours remaining a member of Europol and continuing the odious European Arrest Warrant which takes away rights we have enjoyed for eight hundred years.

ANNE MARIE WATERS

I had not met Anne Marie before today but had been mightily impressed by her realistic, forthright evaluation of the effects of Islam in youtube broadcasts. She is director of Sharia Watch, an organisation launched by UK lawyers in April 2014 .

Originally in the Labour party, her two attempts at becoming a parliamentary candidate were frustrated by the party's strange willingness to defer to Islamic opinion with regard to the status of women and other matters, which would be regarded as profoundly misogynist and sexist, if held by any other group. She is quoted as saying of current events “None of this would be happening if we hadn't had the Left running down Western culture for decades, teaching children to hate Western culture. And then along comes this aggressive religion into a country which hates itself. It's a perfect storm”.

In Stockholm last October, she said “We were supposed to come together as one people, one world – but Islam refuses to play along. Islam considers itself supreme and therefore will afford no equality to other beliefs... Europe is beginning to resemble the Muslim world in many aspects, nowhere more so than on the issue of freedom of speech...”