

Deuteronomy 7:4

"For they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods; then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and He will quickly destroy you.

The following is a history lesson that I recently received. In light of the fact that Democrat Keith Ellison is now officially the first United States Muslim Congressman and true to his pledge, he has placed his hand on the Quran, and pledged his allegiance to the United States during his ceremonial swearing-in. The Quran Ellison used once belonged to Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, and one of our founding fathers. Ellison borrowed it from the Rare Book Section of the Library of Congress. Ellison, who was born in Detroit and converted to Islam while in college, said he chose to use Jefferson's Quran because it showed that "a visionary like Jefferson" believed that wisdom could be gleaned from many sources. The truth that you are not told, is that Mr. Jefferson acquired a Quran, in order to learn everything he could about Muslims; because Mr. Jefferson was about to advocate war against the Islamic "Barbary" states of Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Tripoli. When American colonists rebelled against British rule in 1776, American merchant ships lost Royal Navy protection. With no American Navy of their own for protection, American ships were attacked and their Christian crews enslaved by Muslim pirates operating under the control of the "Dey of Algiers"--an Islamist warlord ruling Algeria. Because American commerce in the Mediterranean was being destroyed by the pirates, the Continental Congress agreed in 1784 to negotiate treaties with the four Barbary States. Lacking the ability to protect its merchant ships in the Mediterranean, the new American government tried to appease the Muslim slavers by agreeing to pay tribute and ransoms in order to retrieve seized American ships and buy the freedom of enslaved sailors. John Adams argued in favor of paying tribute as the cheapest way to get American commerce in the Mediterranean moving again. Jefferson was opposed. He believed there would be no end to the demands for tribute and wanted matters settled "through the medium of war."

For the following 15 years, the American government paid the Muslims millions of dollars for the safe passage of American ships or the return of American hostages. The payments in ransom and tribute amounted to 20 percent of United States government annual revenues in 1800. Not long after Jefferson's inauguration as president in 1801, he dispatched a group of frigates to defend American interests in the Mediterranean, and informed Congress. Declaring that America was going to spend "millions for defense but not one cent for tribute," Jefferson pressed the issue by deploying American Marines and many of America's best warships to the Muslim Barbary Coast. In 1805, American Marines marched across the desert from Egypt into Tripoli Tania, forcing the surrender of Tripoli and the freeing of all American slaves. Jefferson's victory over the Muslims lives on today in the Marine Hymn, with the line; "From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, we will fight our country's battles on the land as on the sea." It wasn't until 1815 that the problem was fully settled by the total defeat of all the Muslim slave trading pirates. Jefferson had been right. The "medium of war" was the only way to put and end to the Muslim jihad problem. Mr. Ellison was right about Jefferson, he was a "visionary" wise enough to read and learn about the enemy, from their own book.