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Attack, destroy and erase the prior culture and build, literally and figuratively on the ruins. This is the history of Islam. The proposed mosque near the site of the 9/11 mass murder is a continuation of this violent history.

The gullible, like Mayor Bloomberg, swallow the lie that this latest memorial to the concept of "convert or die" is different because...well because its chief promoter, Imam Rauf, *says* it's different.

Rauf. Who tells U.S. media funds for this atrocity will be raised in the United States, but tells London Arabic newspaper, Asharq Al-Awsat, donations will come from Arab and Islamic countries.

Perhaps the same Saudis who financed the 9/11 terrorists and build schools around the world in non-Moslem countries to spread the most violent strain of Islam?

We don't know because this Islamic holy man won't tell us. And Bloomberg doesn't even think we should ask.

It's said opposition to the mosque unfairly slanders Moslems who haven't committed terrorist acts. Tough. I've seen the mass celebrations in Moslem countries over 9/11 and still await anything more than whispered pro forma denunciations of terrorism by Moslem leaders.

Collective guilt was rightfully assigned to the people of Germany and Japan, even though not all were guilty of supporting terrorist governments. Moslems have given precious little reason to evade the same charge.

My German-born parents, Jewish father, Protestant mother, fully endorsed the idea of collective German guilt even though my Protestant relatives opposed and hated Hitler.

My father, who recognized the evil in Nazism early on never forgave his sister Lotte, who refused to acknowledge the facts and who (as reported by her neighbors) waited docilely to be rounded up for shipment to the Auschwitz gas chambers. All his life, in sadness mixed with anger, he spoke of the millions who refused to see until it was too late.

Bloomberg and the other supporters of this mosque are spiritual heirs of Lotte and those millions of victims, seemingly ready to accept their fate. Those with a firmer grasp of history will oppose this mosque as a warning of what is to come.

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