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Letter to Editor Indiana Magazine of History

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Letter to the Editor

While we should appreciate and respect Justice David's legal and military service, his equation of *Ex parte Milligan* with terrorist detainees at Guantanamo Bay is an intellectual overreach. David's article [Justice Steven H. David, "Ex parte Milligan and the Detainees at Guantanamo Bay: A Legacy Lost," IMH, December 2013], unfortunately, reflects the deconstructionist, cultural relativism, and moral equivalence mindsets which have plagued our struggle with Islamist supremacism since 9/11. The prisoners at Guantanamo Bay are sadistic monsters who are part of a messianic transnational terrorist organization seeking to impose Sharia law and totalitarian rule over anyone not adhering to their Salafist world view which aspires to impose an Islamic caliphate globally.

It is a waste of time using western legal reasoning, procedures, and theorizing to try to handle terrorist detainees who seek to kill those of us they see as infidels and destroy the freedoms we cherish. These individuals, even American citizens serving in their ranks, are beyond rehabilitation and I'd encourage Justice David and other proponents of dealing with this as a legal issue to consult the Director of National Intelligence's reports on detainee recidivism and other captured terrorist documents from sources such as West Point's Combating Terrorism Center and the Al Qaida and Associated Movements Collection at National Defense University's Conflict Records Research Center.

Islamist Supremacists have absolute contempt for any non-Sharia jurisprudential system and, thanks to the help of naïve unscrupulous lawyers, will seek to manipulate the U.S. Constitution, federal laws, and the media to manipulate public opinion and further their nefarious purposes. We must never forget that we are in an existential Vernichtungsschlacht (battle of annihilation) with Islamist Supremacism and any attempts to believe this movement and its adherents can be resolved by western constitutional civilian and military legal procedures and rights is delusional, utopian, and suicidal folly.

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Justice Steven David has declined to respond.